

FREE

WEEKLY FREE NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

EDF ENERGY London and South of England Media Awards

# Kent on Sunday

www.kentnews.co.uk November 29, 2015

Mid edition No 688

## ECONOMY

### How county fared in spending review

In-depth look at what it means for us all

## POLICE

### Competitors line-up in race to be PCC

Who will replace Ann Barnes in next May's election?

## FOOD

### Talking turkey ahead of big day

Why our farmers are all set for traditional meat dish rush

## SPECIAL REPORT

# Calling time on our faith

Is the passion for religion simply more trouble than it is worth?

SANTA'S GROTTO  
NOW OPEN  
EVERY DAY  
UNTIL  
CHRISTMAS  
EVE

Wishes Come True

OVER 90 SHOPS BURSTING WITH FESTIVE IMAGINATION

ROYAL VICTORIA PLACE  
TUNBRIDGE WELLS



# Isn't it time for a New Garage Door?

With the **ESSATI SALE**, the decision's made so much easier

Our top of the range electric 'remote controlled' insulated aluminium rolling garage door -operated by hand held 'keyring' handset is currently reduced from a RRP of £2250 - to an amazing £799 inc VAT & fitting.

## NOW JUST £799!

**INCLUDING VAT & FREE FITTING**



**65%  
OFF**

### Price includes:

- ◆ Remote Control & keyring handset
- ◆ Includes free internal manual override...
- ◆ All doors conform fully to EU safety directives
- ◆ White as standard, other colours available - ask for details
- ◆ Extremely secure auto-locking system
- ◆ Full 12 month warranty ◆ Bottom rubber weatherseal
- ◆ Price is for any sized single sized door up to 8ft 6" wide
- ◆ Double skinned aluminium with foam insulation

## CALL 01245 396910

This special offer includes free fitting.  
The offer on our website does not include free fitting  
To benefit from this offer you should call: 01245 396910

**[www.essatigaragedoors.co.uk](http://www.essatigaragedoors.co.uk)**



# Kent on Sunday

WEEKLY FREE NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR



London and South of England Media Awards

Sister title of KENT LIFE

www.kentnews.co.uk

## Finding relief amid the wreckage of austerity era

IT COMES to something when the government unveils its spending plans for the next four years and because the depth of the cuts didn't make all public services bleed to death we consider it a triumph.

But this is the crazy world of austerity in which we now live.

One in which billions of pounds can be found down the back of the chancellor's metaphorical sofa and in which so much to make us fret for the future can be obscured by relief over everything else.

Of course, we have to exist in a society which lives within its financial means. For the sake of both our own pride and for our future generation.

In addition, there is no denying there was plenty of fat on the bones of many public services which, for the sake of ensuring all publicly funded services are run efficiently, could and should have



Editor **Chris Britcher**

been cut away.

Yet the cuts to some of our local authorities - which provide the services we all rely upon - have gone beyond that now and continue to be brutal.

The fact they can continue to operate the key services should not cover our eyes to the fact that some services relied upon by a minority will fall by the wayside as a result.

On the bright side, the money for Operation Stack - funding few of us thought we would see in the current climate - must be welcomed and those

who lobbied so hard for it applauded. We should ensure now the processes required to get a lorry park established are progressed with a haste which means we are not still discussing it at the end of this current term.

Inside this issue we take a look over some of the main points and how it impacts on the county. Don't hesitate to share your views with us.

## Contents

### News

#### 11 Faith: What is it good for?

Big debate on the role of religion

#### 12 The cost of our freedom

Liberty chief on the price we're paying

#### 14 Not voting for Christmas

Turkey farmers all set for festive frenzy

#### 19 How review impacts you

A look at spending review on the county

#### 22 Historic scars on Hoo

Discover remarkable history on peninsula

#### 24 All set to go on strike

Can last minute talks prevent doctor walk-out?

#### 27 Race begins for PCC role

As Ann Barnes still ponders plans, who could replace her?

#### 47 Bake Off star back in town

Fireman's change of focus after TV show

PAGE 14 »



PAGE 22 »



PAGE 19 »



PAGE 12 »



### A Kentish Christmas 2015



PAGE 29 »



PAGE 27 »



PAGE 47 »



### Seasonal

#### 29 A Kentish Christmas

Your favourite festive guide is back!

### Motors

#### 63 Find your perfect 4x4

A guide to the ideal big hitters this winter

#### 66 Delights of Motability

How you can enjoy cheaper motoring

### Plus

Letters ..... Page 58

### HOW TO CONTACT US...

**Publisher:** Simon Irwin  
Email [simon.irwin@archant.co.uk](mailto:simon.irwin@archant.co.uk)  
**Editor:** Chris Britcher  
Email [chris.britcher@archant.co.uk](mailto:chris.britcher@archant.co.uk)  
**Address:** Kent House, 81 Station Road, Ashford TN23 1PP  
**Editorial: News:** 01233 653475  
**Sport/Leisure:** 01233 653479  
Email [editorial@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:editorial@kosmedia.co.uk)  
**Advertising:**  
**Jobs/Notices:** 01233 653461  
**Business:** 01233 653461  
Email [appointments@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:appointments@kosmedia.co.uk)  
**Retail/Leisure/Motors:** 01233 653461  
Email [sales@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:sales@kosmedia.co.uk)  
**Distribution:** 01233 653470

### FOLLOW US ONLINE @

- [kentnews.co.uk](http://kentnews.co.uk)
- [kentnews.co.uk/mobile](http://kentnews.co.uk/mobile)
- [jobsforkent.co.uk](http://jobsforkent.co.uk)
- [homes24.co.uk](http://homes24.co.uk)
- [drive24.co.uk](http://drive24.co.uk)
- [twitter@kosmedia](http://twitter@kosmedia)

Published in Kent and printed by Archant Print, division of Archant Community Media Limited (Co Reg No 19300). Registered Office: Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE

**ARCHANT**



The Citan, Vito and Sprinter

# 0%APR\*

Talk to us today



MobiloVan  
FREE  
roadside  
assistance

Includes  
a £250  
deposit  
contribution



Extended  
workshop  
opening  
hours



3 year  
warranty  
on all our  
new vans



Citan  
Service  
Care from  
£7/month†



# Mercedes-Benz Vans. The only thing added is value

Finance offers supporting your business in more ways than one.

A Daimler Brand

**20 SPRINTER**

#20Sprinter



Mercedes-Benz  
Vans. Born to run.

**Sparshatts of Kent**  
**01795 479571**

Offer available at participating Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicle Dealers only and is subject to availability. See your local participating Dealer for details. Please call 0845 602 4321 to find your nearest participating Dealer.  
\*Finance for BUSINESS USERS ONLY. Vehicles shown for illustrative purposes only. 0% APR Representative and £250.00 finance deposit contribution available on Hire Purchase only. Minimum 20% deposit of list price (plus VAT of total transaction price). Maximum term of 36 months only. 2015 Vito Urban models excluded. Option pack only available on Sprinter 2 and Sprinter 3 Series. VAT is charged at the prevailing rate. Credit provided subject to status. Offer is subject to terms and conditions. Vehicles must be registered between 01/10/2015 and 31/12/2015. Finance provided by Mercedes-Benz Financial Services UK Ltd, MK15 8BA. †Cost is based on 3 services over a 36 month Service Care contract. Prices exclusive of 20% VAT.





» Download your free **Kent News iPhone** and **iPad App** available at the Apple App Store



» Follow us on Twitter @kosmedia or Facebook KOS Media

## Black Friday frenzy set to roll across weekend

By Chris Murphy

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

SHOPPING centres around the county are banking on this weekend being the busiest of the year so far as Black Friday fever continues.

Shops and town centres were not as swamped as in previous years on Friday as more and more stores shifted their best bargains online in an effort to prevent the crazy scenes last year as shoppers fought over discounted goods.

It is expected shops will take millions in extra sales over this weekend.

At Royal Victoria Place in Tunbridge Wells, centre manager Nicky Blanchard said demand has been strong. She told KoS: "It was a pretty busy Friday with the footfall getting quite brisk at times.

"There was not the rush the moment store doors opened like there was last year, but shoppers seemed to have spread out their shopping over the day rather than first thing.

"We fully expect this to carry on over the weekend with people looking for the bargains they need."



**POPULAR:** Town centres have seen a pre-Christmas rush but more and more people are shopping online

A spokesman for Fremlin Walk in Maidstone said: "It has been much busier than normal. I wouldn't say it has been heaving, but there are a lot more people out there than we would expect on a normal Friday.

"We have had positive feedback from retailers saying it was pretty busy and should continue over the weekend. Black Friday seems to last all week now."

Jo James, chief executive of the

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, added: "Success on Black Friday and the following weekend is a good indication it could well be a good Christmas too for retailers.

"We have been hearing the economy is growing steadily, and sales like these are a great indicator on how well that recovery is going.

"Of course, many bargains are still available for online shoppers so it is not easy to tell how success-

ful a sale period has been just from footfall."

It was predicted this will be the first year online purchases will hit over £1 billion in one day with an estimated spend of £1.07bn, according to Experian and online retail group IMRG.

Added Jo James: "This is a great time of the year for businesses to pick up pre-Christmas sales, and by all accounts, consumers are taking advantage."

## 'We've still got much to do' but relief at Ofsted children's services score

CHILDREN's services at Medway Council are finally getting better – two years after they were branded inadequate by Ofsted inspectors.

Following a month-long inspection in September, the unitary authority received a 'requires improvement' rating – an improvement on the 'inadequate' rating it got back in 2013.

Council chiefs say the rating now puts it in line with over half of councils inspected under the new Ofsted framework. But it admits it still has much to do. And political opponents say the Tory-led council is set to struggle to improve further courtesy of the latest cuts to local authority budgets from central government.

Mike O'Brien, portfolio holder for children's services on the council, said: "This is a positive step in a long improvement programme which we are committed to and we will continue to strive to meet our ambition to be good in all we do. There are still improvements to be made and we will keep working

hard to become 'good'.

"This has been a tough couple of years and I must take the opportunity of thanking all of our staff and partners for their hard work and dedication which has enabled us to achieve this improvement."

The latest inspection scrutinised a range of areas including children's safeguarding, looked after children and adoption services.

They found no widespread or serious failures that leave children at risk and said there are many elements of good practice.

The Labour group on the council welcomed the findings but feared further improvement faced a hurdle.

Labour leader Vince Maple said: "It is going to take a great deal of investment to get us to where we need to be. And with the 29 per cent cuts to local government it is going to make it extremely difficult to even maintain the current standards of children's services let alone make improvements."

## Lydd Airport rejuvenation to start 'early next year'

AMBITIOUS plans for a multi-million pound transformation of the airport at Lydd are ready for take off after more than 60 conditions for planning permission were met.

It means work to lengthen the runway at London Ashford Airport can begin early in the new year.

The newly-formed Lydd Airport Consultative Committee – created as a communications channel for

local residents – heard of the update at a meeting on Thursday.

Shepway District Council, which is handling the planning application is set to give it the official go-ahead "within days".

Airport executive manager Hani Mutlaq said: "We expect construction work to start in spring 2016 and be completed by the end of the year."

## Rail staff to decide whether to walk out on strike action

NEARLY 400 conductors working for Southern Railway are to be balloted over strike action by union RMT.

The union claims the rail firm, which runs services through Edenbridge and Tonbridge in the west of the county and to Ashford via the Romney Marsh in the east, has failed to deal with rostering issues, as well as issues with insufficient levels of staff.

The ballot, for both strike action and 'action short of a strike', will close on December 15.

RMT general secretary Mick Cash said: "The staffing shortages are a disgrace. This is a vital and lucrative franchise where commuters pay thousands of pounds a year to travel on services that are chronically under-staffed and RMT members had had enough."



» Download your free **Kent News iPhone** and **iPad App** available at the Apple App Store



» Follow us on Twitter @kosmedia or Facebook **KOS Media**

## Returning Clangers pick up top prize at Baftas

THE Clangers capped their return to our screens in style last Sunday after scooping a top award at the children's Baftas.

It was named winner in the pre-school animation category. The show was originally created by the legendary duo Oliver Postgate and Peter Firmin at their base in Blean, near Canterbury - and it was revived

more than 40 years later. Mr Firmin is executive producer on the new series shown on CBeebies - while the late Mr Postgate's son, Dan, has written much of the scripts.

Monty Python star Michael Palin, who narrates the new series, said: "I think children know a lot more about good television sometimes than the grown-ups."



**STAYING:** The Kent & Canterbury

## City hospital move plans are shelved

PLANS to shift the Kent & Canterbury Hospital into a new modern site on the outskirts of the city appear to have stalled after they were dropped from the council's key strategy document.

Canterbury City Council's Local Plan identifies key development sites across the district until 2031.

But as it goes out to public consultation, an initial proposal to sell off the existing hospital site to make way for 500 new homes now appears to have been shelved.

The plan says Canterbury can accommodate a further 16,000 new homes across the city and the wider district - to Whitstable and Herne Bay.

Additional sites added include plans for 1,150 homes on land adjacent to Cocker Road, Thanington, and an increase from 500 to 800 homes at land north of Hersden.

Council leader Simon Cook said: "Much hard work has gone into looking for additional sites and assessing the viability of those that we had already put forward. Amendments have been made to the plan and now we'd like to hear the views of local people on these."

Full details on the consultation, which runs until January 22, is available at [www.canterbury.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/localplan).

## Enterprise zone vows to deliver nearly 10,000 jobs with triple developments

**By Chris Britcher**

[chris.britcher@archant.co.uk](mailto:chris.britcher@archant.co.uk)

THE hope of thousands of jobs being created has been boosted after the North Kent Innovation Zone was named an enterprise zone this week.

Announced during the chancellor's autumn statement in the Commons this week, the zone follows closely the path of the M2 motorway and stretches from the edge of Maidstone to Gravesend.

It will include commercial development at Ebbsfleet garden city, the Kent Medical Campus at Maidstone and the Rochester Airport Technology Park. Benefits of the status include reduced business rates.

It joins Kent's existing enterprise zone in Sandwich, centring around the Discovery Park in Sandwich - former base of drug giant Pfizer.

It is hoped the three key elements of the zone will deliver around 230,000m of high quality business premises by 2027 - and potentially creating 9,900 jobs.



**DEVELOPMENT:** Jobs boost

The North Kent bid was endorsed and submitted to Government on behalf of the partners, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation, Maidstone Borough Council, Medway Council and other stakeholders, by the South

East Local Enterprise Partnership (SE LEP) and Thames Gateway Kent Partnership.

Fran Wilson, the Liberal Democrat leader of Maidstone Borough Council, said: "We are delighted. With our private sector partners we are ready to go and I am confident we can now attract significant new inward investment to Maidstone, creating more business opportunities and jobs for local people."

Geoff Miles, chairman of the Kent & Medway Economic Board, said: "Kent's existing Enterprise Zone at Discovery Park has proven to be a great success, and we now want to show we can deliver the same level of jobs and businesses here in Maidstone."

"The bid, part of the North Kent Innovation Zone, was a compelling one as each of the sites complements the others in terms of their proposed activities and industries."

**The zones formed part of the spending review setting out the government's financial plans for the next four years. For the full report see pages 19-21.**

## Dame Kelly toasts first year in business

DOUBLE Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes will be raising a glass to her business acumen next weekend as she celebrates the first year of her own cafe.

The superstar of the 2004 games in Athens, opened 1809 - the number she wore during the games - in Tonbridge Road, Hildenborough.

She grew up in the town before going on to global fame.

There will be a series of celebrations taking place next Saturday, with Dame Kelly in attendance, and the chance of a complimentary drink and live music from local artists.

She said: "Reaching this one year milestone - a make or break for most cafes - hasn't been easy. No one knew what we were at first but we've evolved into this dynamic, exciting venue and we're growing. We also hope to extend local community reach through hosting openings for local artists, musicians, fundraisers for local organisations and more."

## Ticket bonanza for the Kent Big Weekend

POPULAR annual ticket giveaway, the Kent Big Weekend, is set to mark its tenth anniversary in style with more tickets than ever before set to be handed out.

The event, organised by tourism champion Visit Kent, sees local attractions donate free tickets in order for Kent residents to explore sites on their doorstep - and then spread the word to friends and relatives.

So far, more than 26,000 tickets from 115 attractions have been donated. The date for the event in 2016 is March 12 and 13 - held to coincide with English Tourism Week.

Last year more than 105,000 people applied for 20,156 free tickets via the Big Weekend website.

Visit Kent chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh said: "Every year, we see thousands of people getting out and about in Kent, discovering parts of the county they never knew existed. We want everyone to keep spreading the word about just how much we have to offer, and we have some great ideas to help our ticket holders to get into the spirit of the event in 2016."

The website will go live in January.

## Teen tricked boys to send Snapchat shots

A TEENAGER who encouraged young boys to send him indecent images on popular photo app Snapchat has been jailed for five years.

Ryan Lee, 19, formerly of Cudworth Road in Willesborough, Ashford, was originally arrested in February. While he was on bail a 14-year-old boy told his parents that he had been approached online by a girl called 'Amber' and that Lee had encouraged him to accept her friend request, but he refused.

A 12-year-old boy later accepted 'her' request and then received a message asking for photos of him in his underwear but he declined.

Lee also messaged the boy from his own Snapchat account, and eventually persuaded him to exchange indecent images and videos.

The boy later received a message stating Lee was going to share the images, at which point he told his parents, who called the police. Lee pleaded guilty to four counts of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, two of making indecent images, one of possessing indecent images and four of distributing indecent images.



# Warning over dodgy Chinese 'hoverboards' on the market

By Chris Britcher

chris.britcher@archant.co.uk

TRADING standards officers have issued a warning over potentially dangerous 'hoverboards' flooding the market in the run up to Christmas.

The devices, which are often described as self-balancing scooters, have become a popular sight on our streets and are set to be one of the most in-demand gifts.

The wheeled devices take their name from the futuristic devices ridden in hit movie *Back to the Future 2*.

Now Kent County Council's trading standards is warning of a rash of cheap knock-offs, predominantly from China.

The regular ones retail for between £300 and £600 from reputable stores but some are being advertised for £100 or less on auction sites and social media accounts.

When the unmarked box is opened, the buyer finds a plug without a fuse and won't fit into the socket properly; a board that is packed with batteries that can overheat and explode; and instructions that include: "Get off the bus, get off before you stop intelligent drifting scooter balance state, one foot down, the other one foot in the left drifting scooter again".

KCC trading standards operations manager



**POPULAR:** The wheeled devices will be hugely in demand this Christmas

James Whiddett said: "The first thing consumers should do is check the packaging. They won't have manufacturer details on them.

"Plugs won't go into your socket properly and without a fuse, they're very dangerous. The product itself should have a CE mark on it and the ones we have found have nothing on them at all.

"These things have batteries in them that can overheat and catch fire and we've seen that happen in the county already. Remember the golden rule, if it seems too

good to be true, it probably is."

The instructions should contain all the information you need to use the product safely and the manufacturers name and address should be included so you can contact them if anything goes wrong.

In Deal, Kent Fire and Rescue Service had to be called after a hoverboard bought online caught alight while charging.

The ensuing blaze caused a reported £25,000 worth of damage to the man's kitchen.

## Strictly's Ola waltzes off BBC's top show

STRICTLY Come Dancing star Ola Jordan has confirmed she is to quit the popular BBC1 show. The professional dancer, who lives in Maidstone with husband James Jordan, steps down after 10 years.

She said: "I feel it's time for me to move onto other things. I love Strictly and have met some amazing people and made some great friends who I will miss massively." She partnered athlete Iwan Thomas in this year's show.

## Hero hunt for those who give up their time

THE search for Swale's hidden heroes is on as nominations open for the Volunteer Swale Awards.

Organised by Swale Borough Council it recognises the hard work of those who give their time to put something back in to their community.

Nominations are open until midnight January 15. Details: [www.swale.gov.uk/volunteer-swale](http://www.swale.gov.uk/volunteer-swale).

## Medway Test appeals

A WORKSHOP offering practical advice on preparing for the Medway Test appeals process is to be held in Rochester on January 17.

Appeals expert Marylyn Atkins and former head Anita Clemens will attend.

It takes place at 16 Union Street from 2pm-5pm. Tickets booked before the end of December cost £30. Proceeds go to charity.

Celebrating 25 years  
of Care & Support



## Amherst Court Care Home

avanté  
care & support  
*'Everyone Matters'*

*"The staff strived to support my mum, making the transition easier for all of us to cope with."*

Amherst Court care home provides care with compassion for those living with dementia.

The team of attentive, experienced and skilled staff provide 24 hour care in a pleasant, homely environment. Services provided at Amherst Court include full time residential care, day care and short term respite care.

All rooms at Amherst Court are bright and cheerful with bedrooms having en-suite facilities providing relaxation and a sense of well-being. The home has its own hairdressers, a Café that is open to residents and visitors and a beautiful courtyard garden with raised flowerbeds for residents to enjoy.

☎ 01634 400009 ✉ [enquiry@avantecare.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@avantecare.org.uk)

🏠 Palmerston Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 6LU @ [avantecare.org.uk](http://avantecare.org.uk)

Latest CQC Rating  
Outstanding



We are an  
approved provider for  
Kent County Council.



# Puppy has neck broken and set on fire in vicious attack

FOUR teenagers have pleaded guilty after an horrendous attack on a puppy which saw it kicked, punched and set on fire.

The RSPCA called the case "one of the most disturbing cases an RSPCA inspector has ever known".

The Chihuahua cross puppy, named Chunky, had been stolen before being subjected to a vicious attack over a number of hours.

Its leg and neck were broken, it was fed drugs and after being set on a fire was dumped on a rubbish tip in Manston Road, Margate, presumed dead. He was not found until the following day by a passer-by who alerted the RSPCA.

Two teens aged 16 and one aged 15 admitted kicking and punching the dog. Another, 16, pleaded guilty this week at Folkestone Youth Court



to ill-treating the animal. He was banned from keeping animals for five years, given a referral order, and his father told to pay £5,000 in costs. None can be named for legal reasons. The dog has since made a

recovery and been returned to his owners. RSPCA inspector Caroline Doe said: "This was the most disturbing case I have ever dealt with – by an absolute mile. "It is a miracle he survived."

## Forces combine to create unit to tackle cyber crime

A JOINT cyber crime unit – designed to crack down on the growing threat posed by online fraud – is to be established next year by Kent and Essex police.

Extending the two forces working relationship will see the unit identify and tackle the fast emerging crime spawned on the internet.

Speaking at a conference at the Kent Police Training College in Maidstone recently, attended by business owners and community leaders, Det Supt Mark Hall from Kent Police said as much as 80 per cent of cyber crime could be prevented.

The Business Crime Conference was hosted by police and crime commissioner Ann Barnes.

The themes of the event were emerging crime types, and what Kent's businesses can do

to protect themselves.

Mrs Barnes said: "Business crime is not a victimless crime. When your business is attacked it hurts just the same as if your home has been attacked.

"We recognised the main emerging threats to businesses in Kent were cyber crime, fraud and high-value shoplifting committed by organised crime groups.

"More and more of our business takes place online so it is important that we know how to protect ourselves."

Ruth Davies from the National Fraud Investigation Bureau explained the importance of all businesses reporting all instances of fraud – from the small pieces of the 'puzzle' to form a picture of a wide-spread network which can be investigated locally.

## Principal is in the clear

POLICE have confirmed it will be bringing no charges against Sean Heslop, former executive principal of the Marlowe and Folkestone academies.

The 47-year-old was told he was in the clear after a seven-month probe into 'abuse of a position of trust'.

## Hop Farm camping it up

CAMPERS have given the Hop Farm in Paddock Wood the thumb's up after being named the top-selling site in the south east for 2015.

It came top according to bookings for camping and caravan sites made on the Pitchup.com website.

## Get your free bag of salt

GET ready for the cold snap with free sacks of salt from Swale Borough Council.

It is offering 3,000 sacks to residents to keep their paths free of snow and ice. There will be giveaways in Faversham, Sheerness and Sittingbourne next Saturday, December 5. See the council website for details.

## Abuser is finally jailed

A SEX offender who regularly abused a girl throughout the 1980s has been jailed for four years.

Dean Tarrant, 47, from Brentwood in Essex, was a child when the offences in Swanley and Dartford began but he continued to abuse her into adulthood. The assaults took place in Swanley and Dartford.

### CHEF'S COMPANION SPICE RACK

6 Jar

Usual price £20.00  
Sale Price £9.99

12 Jar

Usual price £40.00  
Sale Price £19.99



### SYMPHONY GLASSWARE

ALL GREATLY REDUCED



### TAYLORS EYE WITNESS CERAMIC COATED 5 PIECE KNIFE SET

Usual price £70.00

Sale price £29.99



### WAX LYRICAL DIFFUSER

Usual price £16.00

Sale price £9.99



**NASONS**  
department store

Nasons Department Store  
47 High Street, Canterbury CT1 2SB

01227 463550 • [www.nasons.co.uk](http://www.nasons.co.uk)



## Top Three Stories



### 1. £250m to avoid Stack

The spending review was announced

### 2. Southern Rail 'a disgrace'

Rail union plans strike action

### 3. Snapchat pervert

Ryan Lee, 19, was jailed for five years

## The Essential Guide:



### ...to Operation Stack

All you need to know about the scheme, which the chancellor has invested £250m to avoid



**FEATURED PHOTO GALLERY:** Star Wars fans were this week given the opportunity to get their hands on an exclusive range of comic artwork from the 1970s and 1980s - signed by the legendary Stan Lee.

## Missed last week's...?

...YOU can read the paper online via our e-Edition at [www.Kentonsunday.co.uk](http://www.Kentonsunday.co.uk)

DON'T worry if you struggle to pick up a copy of Kent on Sunday, or missed a copy.

You can access our extensive archive, online, through our website [kentnews.co.uk](http://kentnews.co.uk). You can read the full paper, download articles you particularly enjoy, and

take a walk back through time with an archive which stretches back years.

And the best of it all, is that it's all free to access. Plus, don't forget, we provide a full news service throughout the week, to supplement your weekend read.



follow us on Twitter @kosmedia and on Facebook.com/KentonSunday



## Top Three Blogs



### 1. Too reliant on phones?

Why our constant usage is unhealthy

### 2. Don't let terrorists win

Why we must be careful in response to Paris

### 3. Men on ground needed

Are government's Twitter troops enough?

## Results of the KoS Online Poll

### Should the UK join air strikes in Syria?

- 1 Yes, with ground troops, too - 30%
- 2 Yes, just air strikes - 20%
- 3 No - 45%
- 4 Undecided - 5%

**BUY NOW**  
**PAY JANUARY 2017\***

With only £100 deposit on all uPVC window and door installations

With the weather starting to turn, now's the perfect time to winter-proof your home with our fantastic UPVC double or triple glazed windows. They're amazing for keeping the heat in and the cold out. Plus they look great!

# WINTERPROOF

## YOUR HOME NOW!

## BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Buy one double or triple glazed window and get the next one FREE\*

Call Free 0800 50 50 70

Visit our website for a FREE online quote

www.britelitewindows.co.uk

## BRITELITE

Windows, Doors & Conservatories

\*Offer ends 31/12/15 cannot be used in conjunction with our Window Quoter or any other offer; buy one window at list price and get another one for either the same value or lower value free! #If you repay the loan amount before 12 months after installation of the goods then no interest will be payable. An option fee of £70 is payable APR 0% Example: Cash Price £2500 less deposit £100 = a loan amount of £2400. Repayable by 60 monthly payments of £56.59 commencing 12 months after installation of the goods. Total Charge for credit = £395.40, total Amount Repayable £3495.40, interest rate is 10.4% per annum variable Representative APR 10.3% variable. Minimum finance order value £1100.



# THE GREEN MAN

## HODSOLL STREET



The Green Man is a friendly, family run pub located in the picturesque hamlet of Hodsoll Street on the North Downs in beautiful Kent countryside.

Your hosts are David, Jean and John Haywood and they lead a team of talented people who are there to ensure everyone has a great time. The extensive menu is prepared fresh to order from the finest ingredients and has something to suit all tastes. The cask ales and lagers are well kept and fine wines and spirits are available for those who do not enjoy a good pint.

The Green Man features a large garden to the rear of the building with ample car parking making it an ideal watering hole during your tour of Kent whether it be a simple visit to the country, a shopping trip to Bluewater, a sporting occasion at Brands Hatch or on route to France via Eurostar or the Kent ports.

Sunday Roasts at the Green Man Pub promise you just as much flavour and variety with beef, chicken, lamb shank, pork belly and vegetarian roast options. The roast is available from 12-8.30 pm.

The Green Man also packs a punch with its event nights that see a fun Quiz Night on Monday night, Tuesday's Steak and Rib Night, Fish Night on Wednesdays and Pies and Puddings Night (two courses for £12) on a Thursday.

Live music every Sunday Night from 7.30pm and monthly every 2nd Thursday with even more in December for your Christmas parties. Programme available on our website or facebook.

From flavoursome homemade meals and a selection of drinks, to a full calendar of entertainment, the Green Man Pub and Restaurant is a thriving local gem.

**BOOK EARLY ON 01732 823575**



The Green Man, Hodsoll Street  
Nr Wrotham, Kent TN15 7LE  
Email: [the.greenman@btinternet.com](mailto:the.greenman@btinternet.com)  
[www.greenmanpub.com](http://www.greenmanpub.com)

Find us just off the A227 between Meopham  
and Wrotham on the North Downs

THE  
GREEN  
MAN  
HODSOLL STREET



@GreenManHodsoll



[www.facebook.com/greenmanhodsoll](http://www.facebook.com/greenmanhodsoll)



# As religion is again used to justify 'war' is it time to suspend belief?

Amid the terror raged by Isis and the fuss this week over a cinema ad for the Church of England, do we really still need to cling to a belief system in such a modern era? **Chris Murphy** tests the water...

**T**HERE has been much debate in recent years about how, as a society, we are becoming ever more secular - a move which has long been contributed to a general decline in attendance at churches around the land.

But while the Church of England has long since sought to halt that decline, the subject of religion has, once again, become a dominant force in our every day news.

Organised religion may have failed to strike a chord here in our traditional communities, but we may be the exception to a global society which continues to grasp various different forms of faith to their chests.

Yet it remains a hugely divisive area - capable of sparking conflict and restricting freedoms.

The gross misinterpretation of Islam adopted by the likes of the so-called Islamic State reminds us all that if we believe we have all progressed from days gone-by, then it is far from the truth.

It prompted one high profile Kent bishop this week to tell KoS that religion can be "nothing less than toxic" in some forms.

All of which prompts the question of whether religion should still hold such a grasp on our lives in this modern era?

The Right Reverend Trevor Wilmott, the Bishop of Dover, says his faith in faith remains rock solid. He told KoS: "If you want to know whether religion is a force for good in today's society, you need to walk alongside people of faith. Witness for yourself how they spend their time and money, speak with them about what they value and what their hopes are, ask them how they respond when everything goes wrong.

"I spend so much of my time doing exactly that: visiting parishes, churches and projects throughout east Kent and further afield, and I can honestly say this world would be far poorer without people of faith and the role they play in their communities and the wider world.

"I have seen hungry people fed, homeless people housed, lonely people befriended, busy people given

peace - all in the name of God. Of course, people without a religious faith also do these things - but for so many, faith is the motivation.

"So, religion clearly can be a force for good. But we've all witnessed - though TV screens and radios, in the newspapers or even first-hand - how some forms of religion can be nothing less than toxic. So how do we know the difference before it's irrevocably upon us?

"When religion becomes a reason for closing the door on someone, rather than for opening it wider, then something is wrong. When we make God in our own image and refuse to be challenged, we've lost touch with who God is and what he calls us to. When 'faith' becomes self-indulgent, rather than self-forgetting, then it has lost its reason for existence.

"Where I have witnessed religion at its best, it speaks of a genuine connection to the very heart of God - through prayer and worship - but also with the heart of humanity - through a rootedness in community, friendships and family relationships. At its best, religion draws heaven and earth together, for the benefit of all."

Anwar Khan speaks for the Kent Muslim Welfare Association. He is sickened by the recent Isis attacks in Paris and elsewhere and the manner in which it has tarnished his peace-promoting religion.

He told us: "There is no room in the Islamic faith for these people. I would get behind anyone who can rid the world of them.

"They do not represent Islam. It is the religion of peace and constantly preaches peace to all men.

"Here in Gillingham, we are very inclusive. We welcome anyone through our doors and see what Islam is really all about. We teach love and peace to mankind and abhor all violence.

"There is most definitely room in the world for Islam. What is destroying the religion is people like Isis who have no claim to the faith."

Jon Weiner, the chairman of the Chatham Memorial Synagogue, said the proof of religion's positive message lay deep within our communities.



**CLOUDS:** Is Christianity facing a challenge to remain relevant?

He told us: "If there was no room in society for religion, why do we have churches, synagogues, mosques and gurdwaras?

"There's a place for it all the time people get a benefit from their belief. Religion in its true sense has a moral code, it has a sense of belonging it has an appreciation that, depending on your beliefs, that there is a place beyond this world, and obvious people feel the need for that.

"Organised religion is a way of bringing those people together. Obviously, where it becomes a problem is when that religious belief becomes perverted.

"Religion in its true sense is a good thing. Where it becomes perverted for personal or political reasons then it becomes a bad thing. Wars and conflicts are started in the name of religion by people who manipulate religion for their own needs."

Parvinder Singh Lalli is from the Gurdwara in Gravesend. He added "From a Sikh's point of view, religion is most definitely a path for the betterment of society. However, the difference between a truly spiritual person and a person who calls themselves religious is their actions and whether they are in line with the betterment of society by promoting justice, respect for one another, and so on, and to benefit to their own spirituality."

The British Humanist Society was founded in 1896 and has more than 40,000 members. It is a national charity working on behalf of those with non-religious views.

A spokesman told us: "It would be far too simplistic to say that people who are motivated by religion to do good are not good for society. But what must be acknowledged is that religious practice, identity, belonging and belief are all in decline in this country, and non-religious identities are on the rise.

"We should also be moving towards a type of secularism, one that is firmly rooted in liberal principles of

North & West



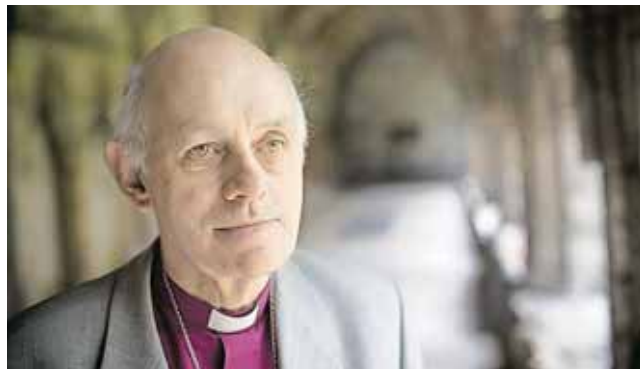
**SMEARED:** Peace promoting Islam has been hi-jacked by terror group Isis

equality before the law, respect for diversity and the right to different beliefs, reasonable accommodation.

"In short, a state where the state institutions are separate from religious institutions, and the state is neutral on matters of religion or belief. In such a state, no one is privileged nor disadvantaged on grounds of their religious

or non-religious beliefs. It is principles like these that are anathema to fundamentalist groups who carry out the atrocities like we saw in Paris."

■ **What do you think? Enter the debate. Share your views. Write to: The Editor, KoS, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SS. Or email [editorial@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:editorial@kosmedia.co.uk).**



**CONFIDENT:** Bishop of Dover believes religion is a force for good

# Liberty director is urging unity following recent Paris atrocities

The director of human rights organisation Liberty came to Canterbury and spoke to a sell-out crowd about the importance of building trust in communities and not letting terrorists affect our way of life

**By Molly Kersey-Law**  
molly.kersey-law@archant.co.uk

**L**IBERTY director Shami Chakrabarti says now is the time for unity following the devastating terrorist attacks in Paris, in order to stand up for the way of life they are trying to change.

The head of the human rights organisation made the comments to KoS as she appeared to address a sell-out audience in Augustine Hall, Canterbury, on Thursday.

Hosted by Canterbury Christ Church University, the talk was attended by some 400 people and delved into issues such as the human rights act and surveillance.

It focused on how the world has changed so dramatically since the September 11 attacks on New York in 2001.

Ms Chakrabarti has written a book, *On Liberty*, exploring the West's response to the 9/11 attacks and how security measures undertaken since – such as computer hacking – could actually make us less safe.

So in the wake of the atrocity in Paris, could this worsen?

"There is a danger of more knee jerk reactions," she told us.

"Terrorism, in a nutshell, is politically or ideologically motivated violence and it's a way in which a few people can try and achieve power over a greater number.

"The only way they can do that is by provoking and dividing.

"I think there's nothing that would suit so-called Islamic State – those who conspired to the atrocity in Paris – better than to achieve more repression, more division, more disaffection and potentially more recruitment to their cause.

"So I think it's really important to take a deep breath and remember that human rights are universal values.

"If you look at the states that have actually exported terrorism I'm afraid they are some of the most repressive. The way to stand in true solidarity with victims of atrocities like Paris, the London 7/7 attacks and 9/11 is to make sure we stand up for the way of life that the terrorists actually want to change."

And she praised Kent's way of pro-actively dealing with atrocities.

"There's nothing like the people of Kent; the whole spirit of people in Dover and elsewhere, who know what it's like to feel that you are at the actual frontier of this country.

"That was the experience in the Second World War.

"Previous generations defeated totalitarianism and this generation owes it to previous generations and future ones to do the same – we don't honour their legacy by shutting down

**“ If you're looking for a needle, don't build a bigger and bigger haystack so you don't even know what you are looking for anymore ”**

**Shami Chakrabarti,**  
Director of Liberty

freedoms in the way that the terrorists would like.

"I think it's perfectly right that there is proper and sometimes increased security at borders. We have some great security agencies and policing services and nobody really minds, myself included, being subject to a polite but rigorous search before getting on a plane or Eurostar or boat. What we don't want is to feel that we are all suspects all of the time and that we have no privacy in any communication."

In 2013, whistleblower Edward Snowden revealed that a huge number of personal communications such as emails, social media posts and internet searches were being intercepted and processed.

"We know the internet is a force for great good but bad things can also happen online and so the internet can't be an ungoverned space, but bad stuff happens in family homes too," said Ms Chakrabarti.

"Any dwelling that's been a domestic home for dozens of years has probably been a crime scene at one point or another – conspiracies, fraud, violent crime and worse. But that's not a defence for saying 'we'll put cameras and microphones in everybody's home'. There has to be a balanced, proportionate response."

She added: "If you're looking for a needle, don't build a bigger and bigger haystack so you don't even know what you're looking for anymore.

"It's perfectly common after a terrible attack to realise that many of the suspects were known to the authorities before, so turning us all into suspects isn't just bad for our confidence, intimacy, dignity and trust, it can also be a distraction from more targeted surveillance and from building the kind of trust in communities that makes people want to come forward with proper human intelligence.

"If for example British Muslims feel scared because they feel they are going to be treated as suspects, they are less likely to confidently come forward if they have concerns.

"Blanket surveillance makes people feel paranoid. We do need some privacy."



**SOLIDARITY:** Liberty director Shami Chakrabarti is encouraging people to stick together in the wake of atrocities

## SHAMI CHAKRABARTI: ON LIBERTY

THE Liberty director took to the stage at Augustine Hall and spoke about why our fundamental rights and freedoms – which are laid out in the Human Rights Act – must not be compromised.

Ms Chakrabarti first joined Liberty on September 10, 2001 – the day before the terror attacks in New York.

She spoke about the origins of the organisation, which began in 1934 and was originally named the National Council for Civil Liberties.

She referenced her book, *On Liberty*, which details how much pressure our human rights have been under following 9/11.

She laid out the terms of the

Human Rights Act, such as people having the right to life and the prohibition of torture.

"What distinguishes us from tyrants and terrorists is that we don't do torture," she said.

She told the audience that the article in the act she believed to be the most important was the one prohibiting discrimination and ensuring people had 'equal treatment under the law'.

"If you really practiced it there would be no torture and slavery, there would be no detention without charge or trial, there would be no unjustified intrusion into thought and speech and so on."

She referenced a chapter in her

book called 'Nothing to hide, nothing to fear', which explores intrusions into privacy.

"What has been happening and what is proposed is that everybody's web browser, location data on their smart phones and every bit of information that reveals who you spoke to and for how long and where, should be collected.

"It's not just that you should be afraid of the 'Big Brother' state, but build a bigger and bigger database and you'll make yourself more vulnerable to hackers and fraudsters and terrorists, and leave a permanent vulnerability in your internet security – which is our security."



**ORDER NOW FOR FITTING BEFORE CHRISTMAS**



Established 1981  
**SupaGlazing**  
Over 58,000 customers! Limited



## Introducing the... **Supa Diamond**

A rated, **ANY** size, **ANY** number  
of openers, White UPVC

### DOUBLE GLAZED

<b>4</b>	WINDOWS <b>£1,512.00</b> inc VAT
<b>5</b>	WINDOWS <b>£1,890.00</b> inc VAT
<b>6</b>	WINDOWS <b>£2,268.00</b> inc VAT
<b>7</b>	WINDOWS <b>£2,646.00</b> inc VAT

### TRIPLE GLAZED

<b>4</b>	WINDOWS <b>£1,891.00</b> inc VAT
<b>5</b>	WINDOWS <b>£2,364.00</b> inc VAT
<b>6</b>	WINDOWS <b>£2,836.00</b> inc VAT
<b>7</b>	WINDOWS <b>£3,309.00</b> inc VAT

All inclusive of fitting, survey, guarantee & includes  
Pilkington Energikare saving glass. Did you know triple glazing  
only saves an extra 0.5% on average which is about £3 per year.

**The choice is yours!**

**Our Sale Now On!**  
...Kent's leading double glazing manufacturer



**20%  
OFF ALL**  
Conservatories  
& Orangeries



BEFORE

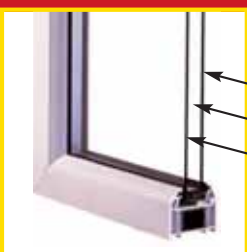
Convert your  
conservatory into  
a usable all year  
round sun-porch with  
the **SupaLite tiled**  
roof system



AFTER

An extra  
**£100 off**  
on production  
of this advert\*

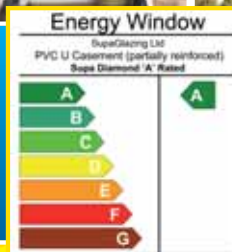
**Celebrating over 34 years of  
beautiful windows...Guaranteed  
0% Finance representative available  
upon request subject to status**



#### A Rated Windows

- Pilkington Optiwhite™ (outer pane)
- Argon gas filling with warm edge spacer
- Pilkington K Glass™ OW (inner pane)

#### A Rated Windows



**Don't just  
glaze it,  
Supaglaze it!**

All of our installers are CRB checked.

**Hurry!**  
Offers end  
8th  
December

**Knight Road, Strood** (opposite Morrisons)

**01634 294 696**

Open 6 days a week  
Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm

2 Roman Square, Sittingbourne  
13 Lowfield Street, Dartford  
20 Hight Street, Rochester (next to the Victoria & Bull Hotel)

**01795 422 877**  
**01322 290 525**  
**01634 826 238**

**AS HEARD ON heart**  
103.1 102.3



**FENSA**  
REGISTERED COMPANY



Profile: BS7950 BS7413  
Door Lock: BS3621  
Toughened Glass:  
BSEN12150-1

**Factory awarded British Safety Council Safety Award: Every Year Since 1984**

Head office and factories at Deacon Trading Centre, Knight Road, Strood.

**www.supaglazing.com**



\*1 per order. Terms and conditions apply. Licensed credit brokers, written details available on request. E&OE, 59406



# Mercedes-Benz

## Service Care for your Sprinter, Vito & Citan



### Less Uncertainty, Cost and Hassle. More Flexibility, Service and Care.

We know it's important for you to be able to plan financially - and that unexpected servicing costs are something you'd rather do without.

It's a genuinely affordable option, with prices starting at just **£19.20 inc VAT** a month for three services.

What's included:

Routine service labour costs	■
Routine service parts	■
Routine service lubricants	■
Transferable to new owner when vehicle sold (if Plan paid for upfront)	■
Emergency road side assistance	△
Recovery to nearest Mercedes-Benz authorised repairer	△
Fast track preferential authorisation and processing	■
Monthly paid contract	■
Prepaid contract	■
Provision of replacement vehicle	△
Available on any vehicle age	■

■ Standard cover

△ Available free, for the first three years from registration date.

For any vehicles registered after 1 Oct 2012, cover is available for up to 30 years under MobiloVan UK and associated terms and conditions.

**Call us today and ask for Andy Clack  
or find out more by visiting our website...**

**www.sparshatts.co.uk**

**0844 396 1122**

Ashford Dartford Sittingbourne Tonbridge

# Why we keep talking turkey in our millions each Christmas

**Chris Murphy** speaks to some of the county's farmers who for much of the year have been nurturing the birds who will be served up on the dinner tables of nearly three quarters of families this year and why Kent's are the best...

**I**T MAY be a turkey's favourite time of year, but as Christmas draws nearer, the county's farmers are gearing up to satisfy our relentless demand for the birds.

Some countries will eat the bird all year round, but we Brits go crazy for turkey at Christmas.

And to underline that, last Christmas the nation gnawed its way through a remarkable 10 million of the birds. According to statistics, that's some 76 per cent of families having turkey as the centrepiece of their festive meal.

For many farmers, the rush to grab a succulent bird is the end of a year long process.

Clive and Andrew Wreathall farm 900 acres on the Romney Marsh at their family-run firm, Appledore Turkeys. It is this year celebrating the 75th anniversary of its creation in 1940 by their grandfather.

Andrew Wreathall explained: "Business is going really well at the moment, but people are ordering later and later in the year. It's a rather last minute industry.

"We order the birds in January, they arrive in June but we won't know how many are sold until the last week or so before Christmas. It is

a bit of a weird business.

"We have over 20,000 here so it is important the take up is good as not many people will be eating turkey in January."

Their birds are sold at butchers, farm shops and other retailers through the south east.

Mr Wreathall added: "The farm has had an amazing several-year run in the Great Taste awards taking major prizes since 2013, all of which are judged purely on blind tasting and not clever marketing or packaging.

"It is a sign that we only deal in quality products.

"We use traditional animal husbandry methods. We have genuine care and concern about all our birds so they live a long and healthy life, enjoying natural diets and the freedom to roam grassy paddocks. They are all round the buildings - they are everywhere. This contributes to the turkeys' distinctive taste and texture - ideal for the festive season."

The slaughter season starts at the beginning of December - in preparation for the rush. Mr Wreathall explained: "We have to hang for a minimum of 10 days to improve the flavour. That is the crux of what we do. It is a bit like hanging beef, it gives a better eating experience, which is what it is all about."

According to statistics, we spent £38m on turkeys in 2013 - a 163 per cent increase on 2008's figures of £14.4m. Perhaps as a key factor, the amount of turkey raised and produced in the UK rocketed by 122 per cent according to the Office for National Statistics.

What with the general trend of buying local, little wonder many of Kent's farmers are benefitting.

Tony Fleck (left) has run Kent Turkeys Ltd, at Woolpack Corner Farm in Biddenden, for 15 years. His is a smaller operation but also focuses on quality not quantity.

Mr Fleck told us: "We limit ourselves to 1,300 birds a year, so in effect we have 1,300 customers, 90 per cent of whom come back year after year."

It is their 15th year as a franchisee of the award-winning free-range KellyBronze turkey - a bird once described in a national newspaper as "the pampered prince of the turkey world". A particular breed, it matures longer and is reared according to free-range guidelines.

He said they receive day-old chicks in early June which are then nurtured for five weeks before they are moved to grass fields







**FARMED:** Tony Fleck, pictured among his flock right and below left, is producer of one of the most in-demand forms of turkey from his farm in Biddenden

and woodland areas where they thrive on natural foods.

Little wonder, then, they have been recommended by top chefs including Delia Smith, Jamie Oliver and Nigella Lawson.

But he admits he is seeing a trend to mix meats - with turkey being joined by other treats.

He said: "We are specialists and as such we have a very loyal customer base. But we have seen a growing trend in recent years. In growing numbers, people are buying a smaller turkey and a similar sized goose to go with it."

"That has been steadily rising over the years - it seems people are looking for a little more variety than just turkey over Christmas."

The goose may be seen as a rather more luxurious dish, but once the roles were reversed.

In the 1950s, turkey was seen as the luxury and goose the more popular.

Trade group British Turkey explained: "In the past, other Christmas fare included roast swan, pheasants and peacocks. A special treat was a roast boar's head decorated with holly and fruit."

Filling the Christmas dining table is a daunting time. The Food Network discovered on average, British women [their choice of language] do not attempt their first Christmas lunch until they are 34.

Hugh Richards produces 220 Sussex beef cattle and other cows at his farm in Biddenden, and he told us: "It is a difficult time in agriculture

anyway, but we are not affected by those selling turkeys. We supply a great product all year round and people only eat turkey on one day."

"We do sell plenty at this time of year despite Christmas and of course there are still plenty of people who are not so keen on turkeys anyway."

Further good news for turkey farmers is that they should cash in more than normal too. Rearing costs are showing a small decline and turkey prices are rising slightly.

NFU poultry adviser Tom Lander said based on industry feedback, the total cost of producing a 5.5kg turkey was down by four per cent this season. This is thanks to significantly lower feed costs which fell just over 12 per cent to around £7.20 a bird.

He said farming costs like heating and some labour were also down, by almost six per cent to £3.40 a bird, mainly reflecting lower gas prices.

Processing labour, distribution, waste removal and overhead costs have all risen this year, but thanks to other savings, the net effect was still a four per cent drop in total costs.

So does the rest of the world focus its festive feasting on turkey? Well certainly in America, the bird is in huge demand for Thanksgiving - which took place on Thursday. Statistics suggest 46 million of the birds were eaten by families celebrating - with around 88 per cent of the US population tucking in during the holiday season.

When it comes to Christmas demand, around 22 million are consumed by our trans-Atlantic cousins.

# New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Party 2015

*with the return of:* **The Vintage Corporation**  
Top 60s 70s Band



[www.TheVintageCorporation.co.uk](http://www.TheVintageCorporation.co.uk)

**Tickets  
Only  
£12.00**

**Groups  
of 10+  
£10.00**

£15 at the door

- Live Band
- Disco
- Dance Floor
- Licenced Bar
- All Ages Welcome
- Under 11's Half Price

**Hawkinge Community Centre**

Heron Forstal Avenue, Hawkinge, Kent CT18 7FP

**Box Office: 01233 733933 - 01303 894 857**  
or buy tickets from Hawkinge Community Centre

Bring your own food & snacks. All drinks must be purchased from the bar.

## AND THERE'S PLENTY OF CHOICE FOR THOSE WANTING TO AVOID MEAT THIS CHRISTMAS...

**MARIA Chiorando (pictured, right) is editor of Vegan Life magazine. She explains how those who prefer to avoid meat products can feast this festive season.**

While millions of Brits will tuck into a traditional turkey roast this Christmas, a growing number are choosing to eschew animal products and enjoy plant-based foods instead.

The last few years have seen an explosion in the number of people following the vegan philosophy – which rejects the commodification of living beings, and aims to exclude all forms of cruelty and exploitation towards animals as far as practicable. And with the UN publishing a report earlier this year about the massive greenhouse gas emissions of the animal agriculture industry (which exceed emissions from transport) environmentalists are also turning their backs on meat and dairy.

Kent itself has a vibrant and burgeoning vegan community – with the county's first dedicated festival taking place in Canterbury in October this year – and a growing number of social groups, restaurants and campaign-

ers springing up around the movement.

This growing interest in plant-based diets means it's becoming easier and easier to make a tasty, meat and dairy-free, cruelty-free festive meal. A popular option is to take a traditional roast, and replace the turkey with an alternative 'meat-style' product. Some surprising developments are taking place in labs, as scientists aim to create 'slaughter-free' meat by cultivating muscle mass from harvested animal cells. But until this bio-meat of the future hits supermarket shelves (currently predicted to be some time in the 2030s), there are plenty of other options.

This year a number of companies have expanded, improved, or even imported their faux-turkey ranges in time for the festive season. A big name is American brand Tofurky which had a UK launch of several products earlier this year. Famed for its eerily accurate replicas of sausages and cured meats, it also produces a sizeable 'turkey crown' joint. South African company Fry's Family Foods has a range of meat-style products, with a newly launched 'superfoods' line – vegan journalists

and foodies have been heaping praise on the soy and quinoa country roast. For UK-based brands, look at V-bites.

The rest of the classic Christmas meal is surprisingly easy – and tasty – to veganise. After all, living in a county which is famed for its rich and delicious arable yield, excellent local and seasonal produce is easy to find. Simply replace animal fats in roasting with other oils including vegetable, coconut, or rapeseed – just as delicious and much healthier for the heart. Honey-coated vegetables can be doused with agave syrup, and if you don't fancy making your own, many dried commercial gravy mixes are vegan – as are lots of boxed stuffings.

In terms of dessert, a number of Christmas puddings are vegan, it is just a case of checking the ingredients thoroughly – and pairing with non-dairy cream (soya, oat or rice, for example) or custard. For home-made mince pies, simply replace butter in your pastry with a plant-based margarine alternative – or check boxed brands, as many ready-made varieties are vegan.



In Norway, the big festive feast takes place on Christmas Eve. Most people around the coastal regions eat fish – concoctions of cod and haddock and a variety called lutefisk. Inland they go for pork chops, specially prepared sausages and occasionally lamb.

In Sweden the Christmas feast consists of a smorgasbord of caviar, shellfish, cooked and raw fish and cheeses. In the Ukraine, the people prepare huge broths brimming with meat for Christmas Eve rather than Christmas Day.

Much of eastern Europe holds Christmas Eve almost akin to the day itself in terms of importance. In the Czech Republic, tradition dictates that the tree is not lit before Christmas Eve then they have a big dinner of fish soup, salads, eggs and carp. It is also said the number of people at the table must be even or it is believed the person without a partner will die next year.

In Germany, many have a game feast on Christmas Day, usually wild

boar or venison while in the heat of the Caribbean, in Jamaica Christmas dinner usually consists of rice, gungo peas, chicken, ox tail and curried goat.

Perhaps not surprisingly, in Italy where meals are always a social occasion, Christmas dinner can last for more than four hours. Most families will have seven or more courses including antipasti, a small portion of pasta, a roast meal, followed by two salads and two sweet puddings – then cheese fruit, brandy and chocolates.

And in Austria, a traditional Christmas dinner would consist of braised carp served with gingerbread and beer sauce while the good folk of Poland will enjoy a Christmas Eve supper consisting of 12 non-meat dishes, representing the months of the year and featuring fish such as pike, herring and carp.

Other typical Polish dishes are fish soup, sauerkraut with wild mushrooms or peas and Polish dumplings with various fillings.



## THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFERS



**The York Fireplace**  
**£795**



**The Celsi Electric Fire**  
**£689**

**morris & turner**  
BATHROOM AND FIREPLACE WAREHOUSE

- Family Run Business • Trading for 45 years • Excellent quality and service
- Up to date showroom • New Displays • Ample Parking • Wheelchair Access

Third Avenue, Chatham, Kent ME5 0AD | T: 01634 813813 | E: sales@morrisandturner.co.uk | W: www.morrisandturner.co.uk  
CHATHAM BRANCH Opening Hours: 08.15 – 17.00 Monday – Friday, 09.15 – 17.00 Saturday, Closed Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays



# Christmas

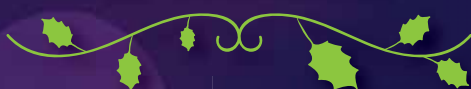


at

## Broadview

### Garden Centre

### & Tearooms



## Gorgeous gifts and festive food



BROADVIEW



Real  
Christmas  
trees available  
now

Two courses  
for only  
**£18.50**



With a wide selection of gifts, trees, decorations and a delicious Christmas menu, we've got something for everyone.

Our quality, locally sourced Christmas menu is available from the 1st to the 23rd of December, and all bookings will be entered into a prize draw to **win a £50 gift voucher\*** to spend at the garden centre.

**Book your lunch today**

**01732 853 286**

To see full menu please visit

[www.broadviewgardens.co.uk/tea-rooms](http://www.broadviewgardens.co.uk/tea-rooms)

Monday to Saturday: 9am – 5pm

Sunday and Bank Holidays: 10am – 4pm

\*T&C's apply, see [www.broadviewgardens.co.uk](http://www.broadviewgardens.co.uk) for details



HADLOW  
COLLEGE



# THE SWEET TASTE OF CHRISTMAS



Visit [www.bybrook-barn.co.uk](http://www.bybrook-barn.co.uk) today

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Traditional  
Christmas  
Lunch, Breakfast  
or Tea with Santa,  
Bookings Taken Now

## LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS



View our Christmas Video at [www.bybrook-barn.co.uk](http://www.bybrook-barn.co.uk)

## MINI SUPERMARKET



CHRISTMAS  
TREATS

## SANTA'S GROTTO



NOW  
OPEN

Open daily Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sunday 10.30am-4.30pm

Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford TN24 9JZ (M20 Junction 9, A28) | Tel: 01233 631959 | [www.bybrook-barn.co.uk](http://www.bybrook-barn.co.uk)

[facebook.com/BybrookBarn](https://www.facebook.com/BybrookBarn)



# By George, it wasn't all that bad

We have reached the stage when big cuts, rather than enormous ones, are being welcomed as many took a deep sigh of relief at the chancellor's spending review. **Chris Britcher** and **Tom Pyman** report

**I**T SEEMED a truth universally acknowledged that Wednesday's spending review announcement by chancellor George Osborne was going to be something of a financial blood bath.

The sound of the austerity axe being sharpened had been deafening and every sector which relied on public funding seemed braced for four more years of hardship.

But if there is one thing we have learned over the years, it is that politics retains the ability to take us all by surprise.

And while the budget details did not banish the spectre of austerity, they certainly weren't as devastating as we had all come to expect.

The police, whose top brass were anticipating a worse case scenario of a 40 per cent cut, were left unscathed and with promises of protection; Operation Stack, feared by so many to be overlooked by Whitehall, received a major financial injection; further education colleges didn't suffer as badly as expected, and the much discussed Ebbsfleet garden city got more money too.

And much to the relief of many, the hugely unpopular tax credits reform was scrapped completely.



**SMILES:** Chancellor and prime minister pulled a rabbit out of the hat at Wednesday's autumn statement as cuts less savage than expected

While this was far from a budget announcement to send us all into raptures - and political opponents

were lining up around the block to criticise it - the reality is that the sense of relief was tangible. When we

are all expecting terrible news, the status quo seems like a triumph.

So what were the main impacts on

our communities here in Kent? Here's our overview of the key issues.

## OPERATION STACK: £250M PLEDGED TO EASE CHAOS

STACK is a bit like snowfall. It happens only occasionally, but when it does it dominates our thoughts and brings traffic chaos across Kent. But when it melts away, we collectively forget about it. Until the next time.

But after a summer like no other in the county - where the perfect storm of striking French ferry workers, reduced cross-Channel capacity and repeated breaches of security by desperate migrants seeking passage to our shores - the shadow of Stack continued to be cast.

For 32 days, Stack was in force, turning the M20 into a major lorry park, putting intolerable strain on all other roads, and costing businesses in Kent and Medway some £1.45million a day, according to research by Kent County Council.

And after constant lobbying Whitehall finally sat up and took notice. George Osborne confirmed it will invest £250million to provide a solution.

Although details on just how exactly that cash will be spent is still to be clarified, government papers confirm it will be for a "major new permanent lorry park".

It says it will consult on a preferred site at Stanford - just off junction 11 of the M20 close to Westenhanger - and other alternatives shortly.

The news was welcomed by KCC chiefs.

Leader Paul Carter said: "Operation Stack has cost the county's economy at least £45m this year.

"Some 90 per cent of HGV traffic from continental Europe comes through the county and when Kent



grinds to a halt with Operation Stack, it also drags down the national economy. The Freight Transport Association (FTA) estimates a wider cost to the UK economy of £250m per day.

"We expect significant growth of two to four per cent annually at the Port of Dover and up to 30 per cent over the next five years at Eurotunnel, resulting in an increase in average daily flows of HGVs from the current 10,000 per day to up to 16,000 per day over the next decade.

"Closures at the port because of bad weather or technical problems are often unavoidable and likely to increase in frequency given the prevalence of industrial disputes and migration problems on the other side of the Channel.

"Operation Stack is a national issue and we very much welcome the government's recognition of this."

Ann Barnes, Kent's police and crime commissioner, had sought reassurance from the home office earlier this year that the additional policing costs involved in Stack would be met. She also welcomed the financial promise.

She said: "This summer the people of Kent endured months of misery and delays because of problems of the road network out of our control. Then the people of Kent had the added and totally unfair burden of having to pay for policing the closures on the M20.

"I feared that the whole problem would get forgotten about, so I'm pleased the government appears committed to finding a long-term alternative solution to Stack. I look forward to a speedy resolution, well before next year's misery."

The speed of the process in building the site is unlikely, however, to be fast for such a major development.

It is certainly good news for those who reacted with dismay at the previous short-term 'solution' for Stack which involved diverting lorries to the disused Manston Airport site and parking them on the runway. Such a scheme would almost certainly have ground many other parts of the county to a halt too. Fortunately, so far, it has not been called upon.

## GARDEN CITY: EXTRA FUNDING



THE development of the Thames Gateway area around Ebbsfleet has been sluggish at best over the years. But when George Osborne appeared on a Sunday TV programme early in 2014 to announce a 15,000 home garden city it took almost everyone by surprise.

But after pledging £200m of Whitehall funds to the project - seen as helping to ease the pressure on housing and sparking the economic benefits of such a major development - those closest to it started becoming increasingly concerned it was not enough.

Just two weeks ago, Dartford's Conservative MP Gareth Johnson had appealed for the original sum pledged to be almost doubled to allow for the necessary infrastructure required to ensure that it became a self-sufficient community rather than simply a sprawling com-

muter estate devoid of the necessary infrastructure to allow it to become a destination of choice rather than necessity.

So while the increase in funding to £310m in Wednesday's spending review was not quite the riches hoped for, it was seen as a major step in the right direction.

Explained Mr Johnson: "This is a very large investment for Ebbsfleet.

"It will go a long way towards ensuring the necessary infrastructure is in place to support the homes being built.

"People rightly want to know about infrastructure investment whenever new homes are proposed and this announcement responds to those concerns.

"This investment shows the government's commitment to the Ebbsfleet garden city and I look forward to seeing its progress over the coming months and years."



## BUSINESS: CHANCELLOR SHOULD BE 'APPLAUDED'

IF there is one area of society the chancellor was unlikely to be too harsh on, it was surely business – the traditional friends of the Conservatives.

And there was lots to ensure they kept on side.

Jo James (right) is the chief executive of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, which represents businesses across the county. She described the autumn statement as one the majority of businesses in the county "will applaud".

She explained: "This wasn't the doom and gloom spending review that most anticipated.

"We are delighted the chancellor has used this opportunity to listen to business on infrastructure, particularly on repairing our broken road network. This will help move people and goods more efficiently across the country, which will help businesses to grow.

"Kent small businesses will be pleased to hear the extension for the small business rate relief for 12 months.

"Increasing investment in science and technology is a boon to our dynamic businesses, especially in our thriving tech sector, so they have room to grow. However, it is important the move to replace grants with loans from Innovate UK [a non-departmental public body reporting into the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills] does not reduce our dynamism in the global economy.



Businesses must continue to feel empowered to evolve and expand, otherwise we risk being also-rans in the global race.

"This spending review and autumn statement was about reducing our budget deficit and reshaping the state. It is right that the chancellor continues to provide the nation with the headroom it needs to be able to weather the choppy global waters which may appear in the years to come, and without delay. Reshaping the state will in general be beneficial for the economy, because as a rule the

public sector is less productive and less efficient than the private sector.

"However, it is not an article of faith, there are some things that only government can and should do; markets are imperfect and markets can fail. In those circumstances it is right that government intervenes in the best interests of the economy as a whole.

"What I didn't hear was a commitment to the lower Thames Crossing, but the pressure will continue to ensure this vital project is delivered for the businesses and residents of Kent."

## EDUCATION: COLLEGES SEE FUNDING PROTE

WHILE funding for our state schools remains ring-fenced (although many will be quick to point out it remains at a critical level in many areas) the big fear on Wednesday was for our further education colleges.

With students now committed to remaining in full time education, or training, until they are 18, both colleges and sixth forms have seen big drops in the funding made available to them in recent years.

What once proved the cash cow which helped fund other courses, many have found themselves struggling.

But while many principals were expecting to be spending this weekend staring into the face of a harsh new reality and poring over the budgets for the next four years in a bid to try and make ends meet; instead they feel like they have dodged a bullet.

Funding for students has not only been frozen – rather than reduced further – but also assured for the next four years. In addition, sixth form colleges have been told they can apply for academy status – a move which would see them become exempt from paying VAT – another significant potential cost saving.

Graham Razey, principal of East Kent College, which has campuses in Broadstairs, Folkestone and Dover, said: "The cuts were certainly not as bad as all further education colleges expected. The chancellor promised that the 16 and 17-year-old funding rate would be fixed for the next four years; if it had fallen that would have been a devastating blow.

"In addition, the apprenticeship levy seems to suggest the government's focus on this sort of training is going to intensify giving colleges such as ours a great opportunity to work with large employers to increase apprenticeships.

"However, as ever, the devil is in the detail, so we will wait to see how all of the announcements play out."



# Chalkwell

## DayBreaks & Holidays by Coach



**London Hyde Park  
Winter Wonderland**  
13th December 2015 - £25.00

**The Making of Harry Potter  
The Studios at Christmas time**  
30th December 2015 - £57.50



**Holiday on Ice - 'Passion'**  
9th January 2016 - £54.00

**Guys and Dolls**  
21st January 2016 - £61.50



**Kinky Boots**  
21st January 2016 - £61.50

For more information call 01795 423982  
or visit [www.chalkwell.co.uk](http://www.chalkwell.co.uk)  
Quote 'ARC 168' when you book.



## Exclusive tile collection



**CAF Ceramics & Stone Ltd**  
Tiles to inspire

Units 5-2M Trade Park Beddow Way Aylesford Kent ME20 7BT | Tile Showroom:  
01622 717107 | e: [info@cafceramics.co.uk](mailto:info@cafceramics.co.uk) | [www.cafceramics.co.uk](http://www.cafceramics.co.uk)





## LOCAL AUTHORITIES: PAIN WILL CONTINUE TO BE FELT

IN an era which has been dominated by the word 'devolution', few local authorities can have expected that with more responsibility would come a giant stride towards being told they must also become self-sufficient.

But that is certainly the impression as local councils face yet more reductions.

It is estimated authorities across the nation will be facing a total of £4.1bn off the total hand-out from government – and that has made many concerned over the long term repercussions.

But they have been told they can pocket business rates and told they can keep all the cash generated by sales of land – a move which will prompt fears from some of a mass off-loading of publicly-owned prime sites in order to plug the financial gaps.

Lord Porter, chairman of the Local Government Association, feared the worse. He said: "Tragically, the government looks set to miss a once in a generation opportunity to transform the way money is spent across the public sector and protect the services that bind communities together, improve people's quality of life and protect the most vulnerable."

One announcement made by the chancellor with regards to council funding was that local authorities would be able to impose a two per cent increase on council tax, which would bring in up to £2bn to help fund adult social care.

However, this was met with criticism from the Labour group at KCC. The group's party leader, Gordon Cowan, said: "We have now reached the point of no return. Cuts will have to be imposed that will hit the whole community."

"The provision of a council tax levy can't possibly meet the shortfall in adult social care."

But KCC leader Paul Carter came out fighting, admitting he was still fuming at criticism from opposition leaders, reported in KoS earlier this month, who felt he hadn't done enough to stand up for the needs of local government.



Attacking Cllr Cowan, he said "He is a lunatic who knows nothing about what goes on. Saying we didn't lobby extremely hard is a quite outrageous thing to say."

"With regards to the social care levy, where do you think that comes from? It's a direct result of us lobbying and standing up for these needs."

"We could be in a better position but we are under pressure to meet the needs of elderly people in particular and it's important for care providers to get a fair crack of the whip."

"It's a shame it's from taxation but the money has to come from somewhere and at least we now have a workable way forward."

"Having said that it's still going to be a very challenging time in the coming years."

As for selling off sites, Cllr Carter added: "We make the very best use of redundant public assets and land that has been sold in the past by the council has been well invested."

However, Alan Jarrett, Tory leader of Medway Council, felt asking local authorities to use this method to essentially replace the revenue support grant, which is being scrapped, was unsustainable.

He told KoS: "If what Mr Osborne is saying is that this is how we have to generate a lot of our income, then that's the economics of a mad-house, because it's completely unsustainable, there's only so much you can sell."

"If that's what he's suggesting then someone needs to sit down and explain economics to him."

"Generally I think the situation is bad but not as bad as it could have been, and there are small crumbs of good news."

"The demand for adult social care is rising and I'm grateful that money will be available for this very important need."

Opposition leader Vince Maple agreed that there was too much pressure being placed on the sale of assets.

He said: "The chancellor's 'long term economic plan' is clearly failing and he is out of ideas to protect front line services."

"Forcing local councils to foot the bill of those services by selling off their assets is not a sustainable policy."

"What George Osborne hasn't answered is what happens when the money runs out from those asset sales. That's because he doesn't have an answer."

"The truth is that once that money is gone councils will have no choice to cut local front line services."

"Services such as libraries, swimming pools, leisure centres and so much more are a vital part of life to residents in Medway – they can't afford to see those services cut."

### Winter WONDERLAND

Best available THU 3 - SAT 5 DECEMBER

Enjoy the best Christmas party in town in the beautiful wintery setting of The Orchard Theatre's main auditorium!

**GANGSTA GRANNY**  
THU 26 - SUN 29 NOVEMBER

**MILTON JONES**  
SUN 29 NOVEMBER

**THE CARPENTERS' STORY**  
MON 30 NOVEMBER

**DIE FLEDERMAUS**  
TUE 1 DECEMBER

**FRANKLY SINATRA**  
WED 2 DECEMBER

**ONLY FOOLS & THREE COURSES**  
MON 7 & TUE 8 DECEMBER

*The Restaurant*  
AT THE ORCHARD THEATRE

BOOK ONLINE: [ORCHARDTHEATRE.CO.UK](http://ORCHARDTHEATRE.CO.UK)  
TICKET OFFICE: 01322 220000

**DARTFORD ORCHARD THEATRE**

## Bideford: 4 day Coach trip £106

Enjoy a wonderful break in Bideford and north Devon for a very special price next spring...

**Full details:** We arrive on **Friday** afternoon at the lovely 3 star Durrant House hotel to a warm welcome and refreshments. We stay for 3 nights and have trips out on **Saturday** and **Sunday** and return home on Monday.

**Trips out include:** market town of Barnstaple, Picturesque village of Appledore and Atlantic Shopping Village

### Durrant House Hotel Bideford ★★

Modern, spacious hotel with two restaurants, two bars, and a large ballroom with evening entertainment. 125 guest rooms with full amenities. Lift.

### Friday 15th January £106

**Price includes:** 3 nights hotel with 3-course dinner and full choice breakfast plus all coach travel trips out as shown. Single room Supplement £19

**Call to book or book online**

### GBTOURS

☎ 0151 652 2222

[www.gbtours.com](http://www.gbtours.com)

31 Years of great-value coach trips.

ABTOT Bonded 5076

Our coach departs: Dover - Folkestone - Ashford - Maidstone - Tunbridge Wells - and then to Bideford. No changing coaches, no endless pick-ups. Same coach, same driver throughout your holiday - always with GBTours.



### Amazing Value for £106

- 3-Course dinner each evening
- Complimentary pre-dinner drink
- Entertainment/Dancing each evening in the Ballroom
- Hot and cold buffet breakfast each morning
- Trip to Barnstaple and Bideford on Saturday
- Trip to Atlantic Shopping village on Sunday
- Afternoon tea Dance on Sunday
- Last night 'Party Night' with optional fancy dress



# Hoo knew the remarkable past still visible on peninsula marsh?

A book published this week sheds remarkable light on some fascinating long forgotten chapters in the county's history including fake oil depots to trick German bombers to bizarre duck channels

By Chris Britcher  
chris.britcher@archant.co.uk

**T**HE remarkable secrets of the Hoo Peninsula - which include an elaborate rare 17th-century pond built to trap ducks and a giant decoy oil depot built to deceive Nazi bombers during the Second World War - are being gathered together in a new book published this week.

It also reveals the history of an obelisk on Grain which marks the historic boundary of London's reach down the coast.

The Hoo Peninsula Landscape by Sarah Newsome, Edward Carpenter and Peter Kendall was released on Thursday and is put together by Historic England - the organisation previously known as English Heritage.

Sarah Newsome, senior investigator at Historic England said: "The duck decoy pond and oil decoy we investigated are fascinating

examples, centuries apart, of the rich history of the Hoo Peninsula.

"These historic sites represent so many aspects of human activity, from putting food on the table to the preservation of life itself during the Second World War. Through this project, we have revealed that the Hoo has a complex history that goes beyond the familiar Dickensian idea of a low-lying land of misty marshes.

"The heritage of the Hoo Peninsula has until now been little known beyond the local area, despite being only 30 miles from the capital."

Historic England experts have researched and mapped the landscape, archaeology and development of the area.

On the advice of Historic England, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport has granted protection to four sites - bombing decoy site at Allhallows, a duck decoy pond at Halstow Marshes and two London boundary stones at Yantlet Creek and Upnor.

## DUCK DECOY POND, HALSTOW MARSHES

THE well-preserved and partly-waterfilled remains of a 17th-century duck decoy pond on Halstow Marshes is the only surviving example of four such ponds that are known to have existed in Kent.

Ponds like these were introduced into England from the Netherlands and were often built by the gentry, gaining popularity during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Duck decoy ponds consisted of a central pond with a number of curving and gradually narrowing channels leading away from the main body of water. These channels, known as pipes, were enclosed with netting, and wildfowl that had settled on the pond were lured to the end of the pipes and caught.

Around 200 duck decoy ponds are known to have existed in England, mainly in the wetlands along the east coast from Yorkshire



to Essex. The others in Kent include: Nagden Marshes near Oare, now only visible as a cropmark; Grovehurst decoy at

Coldharbour Marshes, Sittingbourne now built over; and Kemsley, Kemsley Marshes, where no trace survives.

## Small Business Saturday

5 December 2015

Shop Local,  
Shop in  
Swale



Faversham • Sheerness • Sittingbourne

Support your local retailers and businesses

Visit your town centre on Small Business Saturday  
- buy a Christmas gift, treat yourself, or just relax  
with a cup of coffee in one of your town's cafés

and don't forget ....  
Saturday 5 December  
park FREE all day!

In all Swale Borough  
Council car parks.



## Express Auto Centre

26-30 Upperstone Street • Maidstone • Kent • ME15 6EZ

01622 690333

Winter  
MOT Offer  
£34.99

Winter Service  
Offer £99

Includes full antifreeze,  
tyre and brake check  
(interim service up to 2500cc)  
and a winter car care kit

www.expressautocentre.com



Broome Park Golf Club | Barham, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 6QX



**GREATEST MEMBERSHIP  
DEAL OF THE YEAR**

**FREE!!!**

**3 MONTHS GOLF MEMBERSHIP**

**15 Months for the price of 12**

(Join in November, with no further fees until Jan 2016)

**5 or 7 Day only  
NO JOINING FEES!!**

This offer only applies to those who pay in FULL at the time of joining

Contact us on 01227 830728  
or see website for further details  
**www.broomepark.co.uk**

Text BROOME to 67000  
for a chance to WIN a  
round of golf



## OIL DEPOT BOMBING DECOY, ALLHALLOWS, GRAIN

THE Second World War bombing decoy site at Allhallows was built by Winston Churchill's Petroleum Board in 1941 as part of a national programme of homeland defences to draw enemy attack away from real fuel storage facilities.

During 1941-42, there were nearly 840 decoy sites in operation, ranging from dummy airfields and oil installations to decoy towns on fire.

The Allhallows decoy was situated around three kilometres to the north-west of a large complex of around 100 real oil storage tanks on the Isle of Grain.

Remarkably, the entire decoy complex can still be seen in the landscape today, either as vegetation marks, structural remains or as archaeological features.

They include five oil pools in the shape of rings and crescents and channels which held burning fuel.

When set alight and viewed from above, the shapes created gave the impression of burning oil drums and storage tanks.

The decoy was ignited electrically from a remote control building, the remains of which are also still visible.



## LONDON BOUNDARY STONES AT YANTLET CREEK AND UPNOR

THE London Stone Yantlet Creek, which has just been listed, dates to 1856 and was erected on the Isle of Grain.

It has strong historic interest as the final obelisk to be erected by the City of London to mark the eastern boundary of the City's jurisdiction over the River Thames. It also serves as a memorial to places along the River Thames and Medway where ceremonies were conducted by the Lord Mayor of London.

Because the River Thames was vital to the economic health of the City of London, the City exerted control over the Thames beyond the City's own boundaries. From the 12th century until the mid-19th century, it held jurisdiction over part of the River Thames and part of the River Medway and these bounda-

ries were marked by both natural features and boundary stones. The City lost its control of rights on the river to the Crown in 1857 under the Thames Conservancy Act.

In order to remind people to observe the boundaries, the Lord Mayor of London and other officials made seven-yearly visits along the river. These trips would last about three days and included ceremonies at the stones to assert the City's rights. The



crowds who came along to watch the proceedings were rewarded with wine, beer and coins.

An obelisk erected in 1836 named New London Stone at Upnor has been listed and a nearby smaller 18th century boundary marker, London Stone at Upnor has been re-listed and its description on the National Heritage List for England expanded. They were erected to mark the southern boundary of the City of London's jurisdiction over the River Medway.

## GRAB A COPY OF THE BOOK...

THE Hoo Peninsula Landscape by Sarah Newsome, Edward Carpenter and Peter Kendall is priced at £14.99.

It is part of Historic England's 'Informed Conservation' series which highlights the special character of some of England's most important historic areas and the development pressures they are facing today.



## THIS MONTHS SPECIAL OFFERS



### Windsor Vanity Unit and Basin

550 wide Retail price £170

**Our Price £88**

650 wide Retail price £197

**Our Price £99**

750 wide Retail price £280

**Our Price £136**



### Cloakroom Cabinet & Square Basin

Retail £126

**Our Price £60**

### BTW Unit

500x300 Retail £131

**Our Price £62.50**

550x300 Retail £142

**our price £70**

600x300 Retail £152

**Our Price £71**

600x330 Retail £162

**Our Price £79**

### BTW Wall Pan

including Soft Close Seat Retail £119

**Our Price £48**



### Towel Warmers

800x500x22mm Retail £129

**Our Price £45**

1200x500x22mm Retail £146

**Our Price £55**

1600x500x22mm Retail £196

**Our Price £85**

Chrome Straight/Angled Rad  
Valves Retail £23

**Our Price £9**

- Family Run Business
- Trading 45 Years
- Excellent quality & service
- Up to date showroom
- New Displays
- Ample Parking
- Wheelchair Access
- Displays regularly updated
- Suppliers to builders, hotels and the public

**morris & turner**  
BATHROOM AND FIREPLACE WAREHOUSE

Third Avenue, Chatham, Kent ME5 0AD | T: 01634 813813 | E: sales@morrisandturner.co.uk | W: www.morrisandturner.co.uk

CHATHAM BRANCH Opening Hours: 08:15 – 17:00 Monday – Friday 09:15- 17:00 Saturday | Closed Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays



**TESTING TIMES:** Talks were being held on Thursday and Friday at Acas aimed at averting a strike by junior doctors, who are angered by changes to their contracts by the government

# Hospitals brace for strike action as doctors prepare for walk-out

Talks at Acas continue this weekend in a bid to resolve pay issues prior to Tuesday's 24-hour strike...

**A**S CRUNCH talks continue this weekend in a bid to avert the strike by junior doctors on Tuesday, patients and health chiefs alike are bracing themselves for significant disruption.

Talks at the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) began on Thursday with representatives from the British Medical Association (BMA) meeting with government officials.

The row centres around changes to their contracts. While it includes an 11 per cent basic pay rise, there are a number of issues which have left junior doctors fuming. These include the number of hours during the working week classed as "unsociable" – and thereby attracting an extra payment – being reduced.

The government says it wants to make weekend working cheaper and therefore easier for managers to roster.

Many fear they will actually see a reduction in the amount they are paid while working the same number of hours.

Unless an agreement is made – and on Friday there was "cautious optimism" of a resolve – 45,000 will walk out across England, providing only emergency cover.

It would be the first of three planned strikes.

Patients across Kent could be hit hard as a result with appointments and some minor operations likely to be postponed as a result.

In reality, the term junior doctors can take in those with 10 years of

frontline experience; key figures vital for the running of hospitals.

Kent County councillor Mike Eddy is Labour's spokesman on the health, overview and scrutiny committee.

He told us: "Someone said to me recently, to make this simple to understand, if you have 100 apples and someone comes along and gives you 11 more, but takes away 49 you do not have 100 apples any more.

"And that is what the government is offering. I think this has been extremely badly handled by the secretary of state Jeremy Hunt."

Basic pay for a junior doctor just starting out is fairly low at £23,000 but today on average they are getting £36,000 thanks to extra payments for working unsocial hours. Registrars get £52,000.

Adds Mr Eddy: "The junior doctors play an extremely important role throughout the whole of the health service.

"We have got a massive crises anyway in terms of recruiting and retention of doctors. The last thing we need is an aggressive and frankly totally and utterly misguided secretary of state going in with both barrels blazing."

So is strike action the right step to take? "It is up to them," said Mr Eddy. "It is going to make life very difficult for the health service and the patients, so I regret that, but it is the only tool left in the box they can use."

As for going to Acas, he added: "On the basis of the secretary's current behaviour, we have to wonder whether he is sensible enough to even accept the recommendations of Acas.

"Patients must always come first but the secretary is putting them last."

Robert Brookbank is the Conservative chairman of KCC's health overview and scrutiny committee.

He told KoS: "The rights and wrongs of the strike is up to them to explain themselves and justify what they are doing.

"Patients are always of concern and I think you will find, to be fair to them, they are always conscious for the need to make arrangements to ensure the safety of patients."

Dr Paul Hobday is a former National Health Action Party general election candidate. Before retiring he was a GP in Maidstone for 30 years.

He told us the dispute has been handled appallingly.

He said: "It is a bad thing the doctors have been driven this far so they are willing to go on strike.

"What is interesting is the whole of the medical profession is behind the junior doctors - there are no splits in the BMA. I have never seen a workforce so unified – they are rock solid on this.

"These new contracts will affect patient safety and the future of the NHS. I think Jeremy Hunt wants these strikes to go ahead so the government can tell us all the NHS isn't working and we need to find something else. And that means an American style insurance system to pay for anything beyond routine.

"He is portraying the junior doctors as money-grabbing people who don't care about the patients. He real-



**CRITICISED:** Jeremy Hunt

ises his career is on the line if he doesn't resolve this quickly.

"And then we have Bruce Keogh, the head of the NHS, asking junior doctors if they would be available 'within one hour' if there was a Paris style attack. That was disgraceful and shows what the doctors are up against.

"With so many of the doctors looking to move to Australia [amid concerns over the contract changes many are reportedly heading to work Down Under instead] it is like they have a death wish on the backbone of the NHS, which is what the junior doctors are."

It is possible some non-urgent surgeries could be affected on Tuesday if the strike goes ahead, things like knee and hip replacements, along with some

routine clinics may close for the day.

We contacted the Medway Foundation Trust, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust, plus Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, which combined cover most of the county's major hospitals, but none had anyone available for comment.

The Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust said: "We are currently assessing what effect the junior doctors' industrial action will have on patient services.

"If it becomes necessary to reschedule any appointments, it will be based upon clinical priority and each patient will be offered a new date."

NHS England South said: "NHS England has tried and tested plans to deal with a range of disruptions including industrial action. The safety and care of patients is our top priority. We have been working with providers across the region to ensure we can continue to protect the safety of our patients and provide the urgent services they need.

"We will continue to monitor the situation across the region to ensure these plans are in place, and are ready to respond to any significant increases in pressure in any area over the course of this dispute.

"We would also urge people to take extra care of their own health over this period – and to look out for more vulnerable members of their families and communities. In the event that people do need medical help or advice they are strongly encouraged to use NHS Choices or NHS 111 in the first instance, if possible."





# BLACK FRIDAY

**6 DAY EVENT NOW ON**

## BLACK FRIDAY EVENT

UP TO  
**50% OFF**  
SELECTED CHRISTMAS LINES

## BLACK FRIDAY EVENT

OAK FURNITURE  
A FURTHER 15% OFF  
LOWEST PRICE

## BLACK FRIDAY EVENT

VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
TO VIEW OFFERS  
**[www.bybrook-barn.co.uk](http://www.bybrook-barn.co.uk)**

## BLACK FRIDAY EVENT

**75% OFF**  
SELECTED CLOTHING

## BLACK FRIDAY EVENT

GARDEN FURNITURE  
**60% OFF**  
SELECTED LINES

**OFFERS END 2ND DECEMBER 2015 - ONCE THEY'RE GONE, THEY'RE GONE**

Open daily Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sunday 10.30am-4.30pm

Subject to availability

[facebook.com/BybrookBarn](https://facebook.com/BybrookBarn)

Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford TN24 9JZ (M20 Junction 9, A28) | Tel: 01233 631959 | [www.bybrook-barn.co.uk](http://www.bybrook-barn.co.uk)



# MORE THAN FOOTBALL

Sit back and watch the drama unfold, from the best seats in the house! Whether you're with friends, colleagues, or guests, you can be assured you're in the very best of company!

## EXECUTIVE BOXES

Our refurbished executive boxes offer you your own private environment with seats directly outside the box

### CENTRE CIRCLE DINING

The ultimate dining package with fantastic views of the Valley's immaculate pitch.

### KEITH PEACOCK SUITE

Located next to the boardroom, celebrate that special occasion in our very own Keith Peacock Suite, offering the opportunity to stroll down memory lane.

### ROYAL GREENWICH

An intimate setting with top class seating in the Directors Box

### MILLENNIUM SUITE

A popular meeting place for the supporters ready to soak up the pre-match atmosphere, offering great views of the Valley turf.



## VISTA LOUNGE

AND GET THE CHANCE TO PLAY ON THE VALLEY TURF AT THE END OF THE SEASON!



The **newly refurbished** and **uniquely styled** Vista Lounge offers a welcoming, trendy atmosphere complete with friendly counter service from our themed style menu chosen by our head chef Jane Rawlinson and made using local ingredients. Bar service will be a mix of counter service and table service with half time orders taken to ensure you can relax and watch the scores as they roll in on the lounges HD screens.

- Vista Lounge pitch hire event at the Valley
- Season long access to the CAFC PLAYER worth £37.00
- Chance to meet Charlton Athletic Legends
- Hostess to support your match-day experience
- Access to the lounge before, during and after the game
- Free access to any future beam backs during the season
- An ideal place to be now the colder months are upon us



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL  
RAVI PATEL ON 020 8333 4017 OR EMAIL [RAVI.PATEL@CAFC.CO.UK](mailto:RAVI.PATEL@CAFC.CO.UK)



# Runners and riders get ready in the race for police commissioner

Ann Barnes has had a rollercoaster term in office and continues to stall on a public decision on if she will stand again when the county goes to the polls next May. So who is in the frame to replace her?

By Luke May

luke.may@archant.co.uk

**T**HE Conservative candidate wanting to become the county's next police and crime commissioner says Ann Barnes has "let the county down" during her term in office.

The main political parties are currently in the process of selecting their candidates to run in next May's election for a position which continues to be shrouded in controversy.

And the fight for the role is likely to intensify going into the new year, with both the Conservatives and Ukip likely to be hot favourites.

Mrs Barnes swept to success in all constituencies when she stood for election in 2012 as an independent candidate. The former Kent Police Authority chief brought with her the necessary experience to convince the majority of the 16 per cent of electors who turned out to vote – suggesting many were apathetic to the role.

But her term in office has been dogged by negative headlines which have drowned out the positives and left many to consider her almost unelectable should she choose to defend her position.

That, however, seems increasingly unlikely as she continues to refuse to commit to standing again.

Matthew Scott, from Swanley, has been named the Conservative candidate.

No stranger to politics, he is currently office manager for government whip David Evenett.

He has immediately pledged to slash £10,000 off the post's £85,000 salary were he to be elected.

He explained to KoS this week: "The role has to be filled, and the police and crime commissioner is a great chance for people to democratically elect a representative in the police, and hold them to account."

"I think Ann Barnes has let the role of PCC down, and I think she has let the people of the county down throughout her time in office."

Mrs Barnes has seen a number of PR campaigns backfire dramatically – including the hiring of a youth commissioner who, it later transpired, had tweeted unpleasant comments and her appearance in a Channel 4 documentary which saw her unable to explain her own job.

Adds Mr Scott: "The role should be reflective of the people's concerns; I would have a focus on the police's treatment of people with mental health problems."

"Whilst I've no experience as a police officer, I've seen first hand the effects of policing, my father is a retired police officer and my brother serves on the force."

"Throughout their time I've heard about the problems police face and



**UNDECIDED:** Ann Barnes swept to power in 2012 - but remains undecided on standing again in 2016

I've always had an interest.

"I believe a commissioner should lead by example, that's why I'm promising to cut the PCC salary by £10,000 if I am elected."

"The entire office needs a rethink, to make sure we're focused on the needs of the people, as well as catering to urgent needs including mental health, cyber crime and tackling terrorism."

Created by the home secretary, the role was designed to replace the old police authorities with a high profile figurehead, who would be accountable to the public and oversee the actions of the chief constable. The role has no direct impact on operational issues – that remains with the top ranking officer – but does hold the chief constable to account.

Ukip's rise up the polls across the county – it is the main opposition on Kent County Council and came runner-up in a number of constituencies across the county during May's general election – would suggest the party will be a serious contender.

Their candidate is no-nonsense former soldier and police officer Henry Bolton. Currently working on international security issues for the UK government, he was a little kinder on Ann Barnes' reign and, perhaps not surprisingly for Ukip, is keen to reinforce our borders.

He explained: "I think the current commissioner has done some great work in responding to crime and offering victim support."

"But more needs to be done to prevent harm, whatever form of crime that may be. Work needs to be done on border management to prevent organised crime coming in, which has an impact on lower level crime throughout the county."



**LABOUR:** Tristan Osborne

"Across the country, we've seen heroin and cocaine related deaths increase massively, 60 per cent and 120 per cent respectively."

"These drugs can't be sourced from the UK, it's just one example of the sort of impact organised crime can have if border controls aren't properly managed."

"The strengthening of the bond between the police and all Kent communities will be fundamental, we need to make sure people are not detached from the police, as without people we could lose a key source of information on the state of an area."

"If people are not calling the police because a window has broken or their car has been scratched, then it's only when something serious hap-



**UKIP:** Henry Bolton

pens that the police will know what is going on in an area."

Labour, given a bloody nose at May's polling stations by the county, has traditionally been opposed to the PCC role – promising to abolish it nationally if Ed Miliband had presided over a victory earlier this year.

It has yet to confirm its candidate – but will do so after a series of local meetings on January 23.

Medway Labour councillor for the Luton and Wayfield ward Tristan Osborne has put his name forward to be selected. Mr Osborne said: "We're taking this election very seriously I'm very much in it to win it."

"Kent is a difficult area, as we have no MPs elected across the county, but we will be competing and looking to win."



**TORY:** Matthew Scott



**ENGLISH DEMS:** Steve Uncles

"I myself have experience as a special constable at Metropolitan Police in Greenwich and Charlton."

Steve Uncles for the English Democrats has also confirmed he will run again, while the Liberal Democrats say they are yet to make a decision. The Greens oppose the role and will not take part.

Ann Barnes insists she has made no decision on whether to stand yet.

The main question this time, however, is whether the people of Kent care enough to cast a vote. The hope is that with the election next year coinciding with local elections, the turn-out will be more than double that of the first year.

The election takes place on May 5, 2016.





# SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 3 December 2015  
5 pm to 8 pm

The Victory Academy has outstanding facilities for Sixth Form students to support their learning.

“Students receive helpful careers advice and guidance and they have clear, well thought out plans for their futures.”  
*Ofsted*

“The number of students attending the more prestigious universities is increasing as a result of good support for students in selecting and applying for higher education courses.”  
*Ofsted*

Principal and Director of KS5 talk at 6.30 pm  
Come and see how The Victory Academy gives students the education they deserve.

☎ 01634 303005      ✉ [office@thevictoryacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@thevictoryacademy.org.uk)

[www.thevictoryacademy.org.uk](http://www.thevictoryacademy.org.uk)





# A Kentish Christmas 2015

**T**HERE is no season which brings with it quite so much anticipation, so much excitement and so much fun as Christmas.

It seems to reignite our childhood memories; of smiles, laughter, kindness and warmth.

And with the first window of advent calendars being opened on Tuesday, the countdown is very much on to the 2015 festive season.

As ever, the county has an abundance of retail and leisure opportunities geared up to ensure your Christmas is one to remember this year.

Inside this edition of our popular A Kentish Christmas, we highlight everything from adult advent calendars, top make-up tips for the festive season, wrapping paper that is raising money for good causes and where the best pantomimes can be found.

We also take a look at Star Wars themed presents on offer this year and a new snow sports range that has been launched.

What's more, our loyal advertisers are showcasing a host of events and services which they believe will help to add to the sparkle of this Christmas - so be sure to check them out as you enjoy this special edition of A Kentish Christmas.

We may still be a few weeks away from the big day itself, but there's no time like the present to ensure that you start preparing in advance.

It will allow you time to put your feet up and enjoy the very special atmosphere of the festive season, and welcome in your family and friends to enjoy the celebrations.

So we hope you enjoy... A Kentish Christmas.

Consider Yourself at Trinity this Christmas!

Trinity Productions presents

# Oliver!

AGES 8+

Featuring A Live Orchestra!

Book, music and lyrics by Lionel Bart  
Directed by John Martin  
Orchestral arrangements by William David Brohn

Thu 10 Dec 15 - Sun 3 Jan 16

Trinity Theatre | Tunbridge Wells | TN1 1JP | 01892 678 678 | trinitytheatre.net  
Please see the website for performance times and prices

Supported by Times SOI KM

TRINITY

By arrangement with Cameron Mackintosh and the Southbrook Group



**A spectacular pantomime for all the family!**

Martin Dodd  
for UK Productions  
proudly presents

from  
EASTENDERS  
**LOUISE JAMESON**  
as FAIRY GODMOTHER

CBBC's  
TRACY BEAKER  
**DANI HARMER**  
as CINDERELLA

from CITV and  
nickelodeon  
**JAMIE RICKERS**  
as BUTTONS

**DAVID BALL  
&  
BYRON MONDAHL**  
as THE UGLY SISTERS

**CINDERELLA**

**THE SENSATIONAL  
SHETLAND PONIES  
LIVE ON STAGE!**

Proudly supported by

ASSEMBLY HALL  
THEATRE



**Fri 11 Dec '15 to Sun 3 Jan '16**

Box Office: 01892 530613/532072 | [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk)



# ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS AT *Christmas*

ICE SKATING IN THE PARK

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER '15 – SUNDAY 3 JANUARY '16



TUNBRIDGE WELLS AT CHRISTMAS



RTW\_XMAS



RTW\_XMAS

[WWW.TUNBRIDGEWELLSATCHRISTMAS.COM](http://WWW.TUNBRIDGEWELLSATCHRISTMAS.COM)



SUPPORTED BY



dandara  
new homes



TW722 Photo courtesy of Samuel Taylor



# Gift wrap raising funds for charity

**C**HRISTMAS is fast approaching, and many people will have already started buying the presents that they will be giving to their families and loved ones this year.

And when it comes to wrapping those presents, there is an opportunity to give money to a charitable cause.

WHSmith has released three gift wrap bundles, which will be raising funds for Marie Curie, RSPCA and Save The Children.

The WHSmith cutting guide is featured on the reverse side of each roll, helping those who are wrapping the presents to cut in straight lines.

Each bundle is priced at £3.49.

**Here are the different varieties which are available to buy:**



## **WHSmith Marie Curie christmas wrap**

Two rolls of wrapping paper are featured in this package, each with a different nordic knit pattern. The rolls are three metres long.



## **WHSmith RSPCA**

There are two rolls of gift wrap, one which has a tartan pattern and one with a stag design. Each roll is three metres long.



## **WHSmith Save The Children**

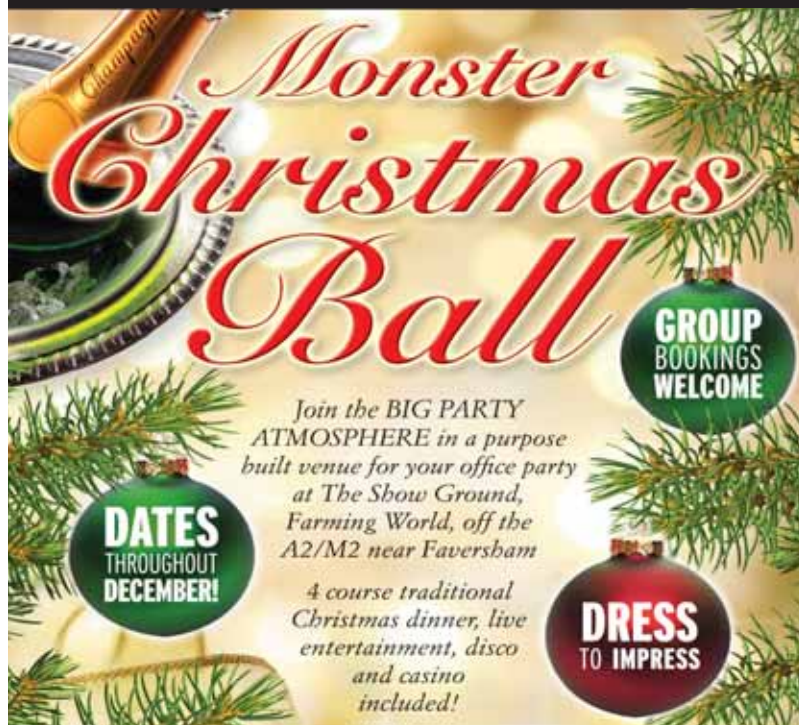
This gift wrap has two rolls, which both feature the same design - with a pattern including reindeers and Christmas trees. Each roll measures three metres.



**FOR more information about what is on offer visit [whsmith.co.uk](http://whsmith.co.uk) or visit your local WHSmith store.**



## PARTY IN STYLE AT THE



*Monster Christmas Ball*

Join the BIG PARTY  
ATMOSPHERE in a purpose  
built venue for your office party  
at The Show Ground,  
Farming World, off the  
A2/M2 near Faversham

4 course traditional  
Christmas dinner, live  
entertainment, disco  
and casino  
included!

**DATES  
THROUGHOUT  
DECEMBER!**

**GROUP  
BOOKINGS  
WELCOME**

**DRESS  
TO IMPRESS**

**To book call: 01227 701042**  
[www.kentchristmasparty.com](http://www.kentchristmasparty.com)  
[info@kentchristmasparty.com](mailto:info@kentchristmasparty.com)

## Folkestone Quarterhouse

## Christmas Party Offer 2015

Are you looking to celebrate Christmas  
with your colleagues and friends away  
from the traditional and formal 3 course  
sit down Christmas meal and disco?

Then take a look at the four themed  
party nights Quarterhouse has put  
together for you!

£18 per person

Available at:  
Quarterhouse Box Office 01303 760 750  
and at [www.quarterhouse.co.uk](http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk)  
Quarterhouse, Mill Bay Folkestone CT20 1BN

### 80'S & 90'S DISCO PARTY NIGHT

Friday 4 December  
7pm - 12.30am

Fork Food by Follies, 7pm - 8.30pm

Boeuf Bourguignon with pilaff rice

or

Mushroom Chasseur with pilaff rice (v)

Apollo Funk Entertainment DJ, 8pm - 12pm

*Sing and dance to the music that shaped a  
whole generation, nostalgia guaranteed!*

Dressing up for the era optional -

Prize for Best Dressed on the night!

Full Cash Bar open throughout the evening!

### 60'S & 70'S RETRO PARTY NIGHT

Saturday 5 December  
7pm - 12.30am

Fork Food by Follies, 7pm - 8.30pm

Hawaiian pineapple chicken

or

Mushroom, spinach pilau with fried onions (v)

Apollo Funk Entertainment DJ, 8pm - 12pm

*Let's take you on journey from Rock N Roll to  
Motown with music and dance from  
these extraordinary decades.*

Dressing up for the era optional -

Prize for Best Dressed on the night!

Full Cash Bar open throughout the evening!

### NOUGHTIES TO NOW PARTY NIGHT

Friday 11 December  
7pm - 12.30am

Fork Food by Follies, 7pm - 8.30pm

Chicken & apricot tagine served  
with minted cous cous

or

Aubergine & sweet potato tagine served  
with minted cous cous (v)

Apollo Funk Entertainment DJ, 8pm - 12pm

*Current, fresh, music from the Millennium to Now!*

Dress code, Go Glam!

Prize for Best Dancer on the night!

Full Cash Bar open throughout the evening!

### CARIBBEAN CLUB PARTY NIGHT

Saturday 12 December  
7pm - 12.30am

Fork Food by Follies, 7pm - 8.30pm

Jamaican jerk chicken wings with rice & peas

or

Sweet potato, Callaloo coconut curry  
with rice & peas (v)

Apollo Funk Entertainment DJ, 8pm - 12pm

*What winter blues? With Soca, Reggae & Salsa  
bringing the sunshine in to December,  
we're feeling Hot Hot Hot!*

Dressing up optional

Prize for Best Dressed on the night!

Full Cash Bar open throughout the evening!

 Creative  
Foundation

[www.quarterhouse.co.uk](http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk)

Come visit  
**Santa**  
in his Grotto  
and see the giant  
**Snowglobe**



## Globe & Grotto Opening Times November

Sat 21st - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Sun 22nd - 11am til 4pm

Sat 28th - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Sun 29th - 11am til 4pm

## December

Fri 4th - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Sat 5th - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Sun 6th - 11am til 4pm

Thurs 10th - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Fri 11th - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Sat 13th - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Sun 13th - 11am til 4pm

Thurs 17th - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Fri 18th - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Sat 19th - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Sun 20th - 11am til 4pm

Mon 21st - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Tues 22nd - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Wed 23rd - 10.30am til 4.30pm

Thurs 24th - 10.30am til 4.30pm



[www.stgeorgescentre.co.uk](http://www.stgeorgescentre.co.uk)





# The ideal present for snow-seekers

**P**ERFORMANCE clothing brand Musto has released its first ever snow sports range - available in time for Christmas.

If you know any keen snow sports fans and you want to splash out on a nice present for them, Musto have plenty of options - with a selection of jackets and trousers which could be worn on the slopes.

Musto has utilised their expertise and technology to help create the items.

Pieces featured in their new snow sports range include:

**Matthiessen BR1 PrimaLoft jacket:** A serious piece of kit for winter snow-seekers, this jacket features a four-way stretch shell fabric and articulated sleeves to provide freedom of movement in this winter-proof, breathable and windproof kit.

The jacket features a removable, helmet-compatible hood, lycra inner cuffs with thumb holes and a zip away neck warmer plus a snow skirt compatible with the Dolpo BR1 Pants. The asymmetric zip means extra comfort beneath your chin. It is available in blue and black.

**Dolpo BR1 PrimaLoft pants:** An integrated fastening system means the Dolpo BR1 PrimaLoft pants combine perfectly with the Matthiessen Jacket, to offer complete winter weather protection.

They feature PrimaLoft Black Insulation Eco, providing a fantastic warmth-to-weight ratio with exceptional comfort against the skin, while four-way stretch BR1 fabric keeps the weather out and allows you to move freely.

Sleek, minimalist styling, coupled with sector-leading technologies, make the Dolpo Pants a superior kit choice for this ski season.

**Every Gore-Tex Jacket:** For the extreme snow sports enthusiast looking for high-performance technical ability, Musto is proud to introduce the Every Jacket.

This high-performance garment offers extreme functionality with fitted styling and three-layer Gore-Tex fabric.

Attention to detail is unprecedented and features such as reflective taping for high-visibility in poor conditions, a three-way adjustable hood, elasticated gripper powder skirt and extensive concealed pocketing allow for a truly superior ski or snowboard experience. The Every Jacket is available in both men's and women's and comes in Black.

**The Snowdr BR1 PrimaLoft Pants:** The pants feature mesh inserts for ventilation and articulated knees for maximum movement.

Boot gaiters and a high-rise waistband keep the wearer warm and dry whilst understated shades of black and white ensure a sleek, sophisticated silhouette. Reflective print also features to keep the wearer visible.

*The new range is available from Musto stores nationwide or alternatively items can be purchased online at [www.musto.com](http://www.musto.com).*



**NEW:** The range is available in stores and online



**VARIETY:** A selection of items are included in the new range

**TICKETS SELLING FAST!**

# SHANE RICHIE

as Dick Whittington



# Dick Whittington

The Magical Pantomime Adventure!

Sat 12 Dec 2015 - Sun 3 Jan 2016

**DARTFORD ORCHARD THEATRE**  
[orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://orchardtheatre.co.uk)  
01322 220000

**KM KMFm**  
KENT'S BIGGEST HITS



# Top 10 Christmas TV shows to enjoy over the festive period

**W** Christmas just a few weeks away, here is a list of 10 of the Christmas specials that you can expect to see on your screens.

## TEXT SANTA

ITV hosts its glitzy, fun-packed annual Text Santa appeal, now in its fifth year. Phillip Schofield kicks things off on December 1, when he 'does his bit in a Christmas knit' and invades every show on the ITV schedule from 6am to 10pm. Viewers will be asked to tweet #Pipknit when they see him pop up, in a TV equivalent of Where's Wally. As for the big night, George Clooney's cameo appearance in Downton Abbey is going to take some beating, but expect some familiar faces making fools of themselves, in the hope you'll dig deep and support the Text Santa charities.



## SHERLOCK: THE ABOMINABLE BRIDE

Co-written by Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss, this one-off special sees Cumberbatch and Freeman reunite for a standalone story set in London, 1895. Sherlock's nemesis, Moriarty, might be missing from the teaser trailer, but he's set to face new enemies in this Victorian adventure. And if it's not enough to see your favourite detective on the small screen, pop along to the cinema; it's set for a big-screen outing on the same night.

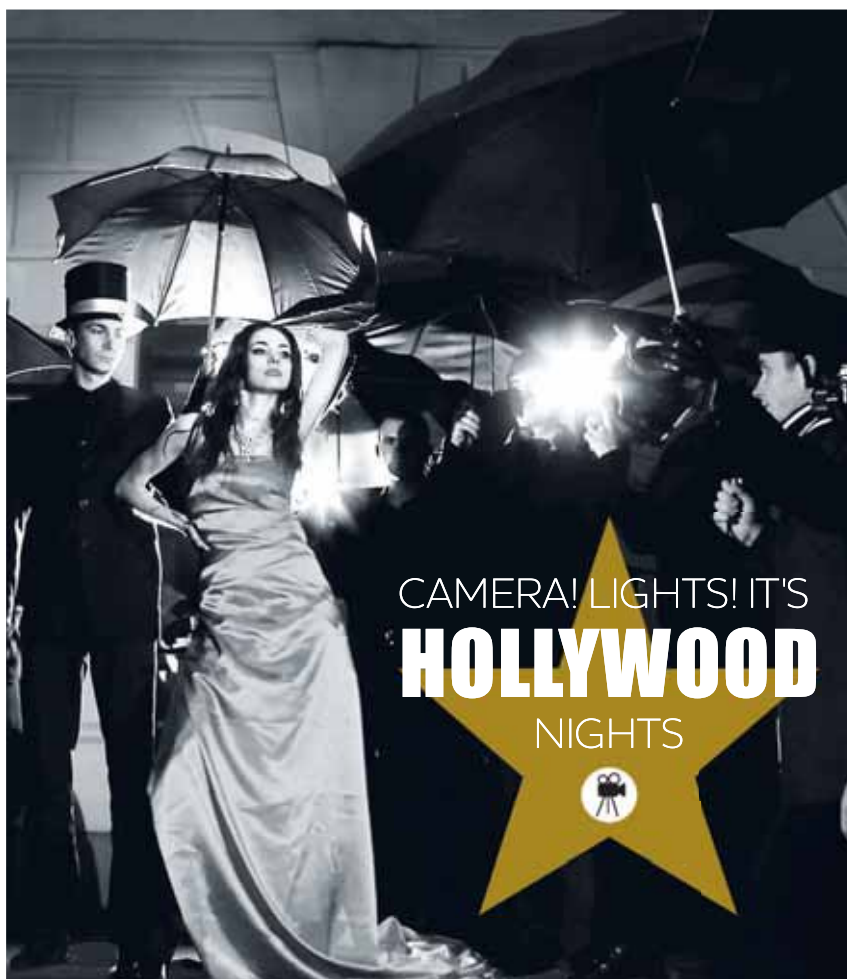
## DOCTOR WHO

The big news for this year's special is that time traveller Professor River Song, who first appeared back in 2008, will return. It's the first time River Song, played by Alex Kingston, has met her husband in his latest incarnation - in the form of Peter Capaldi's Doctor. Lead writer Steven Moffat notes: "The last time the Doctor saw her, she was a ghost. The first time he met her, she died. So how can he be seeing her again? As ever, with the most complicated relationship in the universe, it's a matter of time."



## DOWNTON ABBEY

It won't have escaped your attention that this is the last ever episode, and we're promised there will be 'all the love, loss, happiness and heartbreak' we've come to expect from Julian Fellowes' seminal period drama. As the characters prepare to welcome in the New Year of 1926, Lady Mary endeavours to build bridges with her estranged sister Edith; Harry settles into his role as husband and stepfather, but finds his place at Downton more difficult, while downstairs, Carson faces some personal challenges.



CAMERA! LIGHTS! IT'S  
**HOLLYWOOD**  
NIGHTS



## MERCURE MAIDSTONE

### CHRISTMAS DATES STILL AVAILABLE

from £27.95

TEL: 0844 815 9045



GREAT DANES HOTEL

[www.mercuremaidstone/christmas](http://www.mercuremaidstone/christmas)

## MERCURE TUNBRIDGE WELLS

### NEW YEARS EVE GALA BALL

from £65.50

TEL: 0844 815 9074



MERCURE TUNBRIDGE WELLS

[www.mercuretunbridgewells/christmas](http://www.mercuretunbridgewells/christmas)



## AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

It was Agatha Christie's bestselling crime novel, and now an all-star cast will bring the story to life in a new TV series. Set in 1939, with Europe teetering on the brink of war, 10 strangers are invited to Soldier Island, off the coast of Devon. Cut off from the mainland, and with their hosts absent, each guest is accused of a terrible crime, and when one of the party suddenly dies, they soon realise they might be harbouring a murderer among their number.



## WE'RE DOOMED! THE DAD'S ARMY STORY

Ahead of next year's big-screen outing of Dad's Army, starring the likes of Catherine Zeta-Jones, Bill Nighy and Michael Gambon, BBC Two will be airing a one-off 60-minute drama about the much adored comedy's legendary creators Jimmy Perry and David Croft. Starting with Perry's initial idea in 1967 and running through to the transmission of the first episode in 1968, it details how the pair overcame scepticism from BBC bosses and focus groups, along with production difficulties and the personality clashes they faced.

## THE SOUND OF MUSIC LIVE!

Christmas isn't Christmas without the Sound Of Music making an appearance on the box. This year, expect a twist when a brilliant cast, led by Kara Tointon as Maria, brings the timeless tale to life on the sound-stages of London's 3 Mills Studios, in an ambitious two-and-a-half-hour production which will be transmitted to TV-viewers live. Audiences at home can sing along to the likes of How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria, Edelweiss and Do-Re-Mi. And if singing isn't your thing, it'll be worth tuning in to see if they can pull it all off!



## CALL THE MIDWIFE

Before the new series kicks off in January, fans of Call The Midwife can look forward to a one-off Christmas special. As the deprived area of Poplar readies itself for the 1960 festive season, there's a bus trip to see the Regent Street lights and a visit from a BBC film crew, promising to make it a Christmas to remember. But it's not all happiness and good cheer. It's a difficult time for grieving mother Iris and at Nonnatus House, things are tense, as Sister Monica Joan determines to bring in the festive spirit early, despite Sister Evangelina's disgust. As the community pulls together to prepare for a televised carol concert, Nonnatus is rocked when one of their own goes missing.



## DICKENSIAN

This new 20-part series is pretty ambitious, to say the least. The episodes will see the beloved characters created by Charles Dickens living next door to one another on one cobbled street. If it sounds soap-like, then that's no coincidence - it's written by EastEnders' former scriptwriter Tony Jordan. Described by one journalist as 'a beginners guide to Dickens', expect Oliver Twist's Mrs Bumble and Bleak House's Inspector Bucket to bump into the likes of Martin Chuzzlewit's Mrs Gamp and Great Expectations' Amelia Havisham.



## STICK MAN

Based on the bestselling children's book by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler, the half-hour animation is set to be a treat for the whole family this festive season. Produced by Magic Light Pictures, the team behind the adaptations of The Gruffalo and Room On The Broom, and voiced by the likes of Bonnevillie, Freeman and Saunders, it tells the story of a stick man's attempts to make it back to his family in time for Christmas.



COME TOGETHER FOR  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
AT THE THE WEALDEN HALL  
London Road Larkfield ME20 6DE 01732 840259  
1767@greeneking.co.uk

TICKETS  
**£5.00**

Subject to availability. Terms & conditions apply. Over 18s only.

**Christmas Day LUNCH**

**Thorley Taverns**

**Treat the whole family to a special Christmas Day & let us do all the hard work!**

As always we have reduced rates for children & infants. Please phone the restaurant of your choice for details.

**Please book early to avoid disappointment.**

**The Pavilion**  
£49.95 Per Person  
Tel: 01843 600 999  
Email: pavilion@thorleytaverns.co.uk

**The Pegwell Bay Hotel**  
£59.95 Per Person  
Tel: 01843 599 590  
Email: pegwellbay.reception@thorleytaverns.co.uk

**The Charles Dickens**  
£59.95 Per Person  
Tel: 01843 603 040  
Email: charlesdickens@thorleytaverns.co.uk

**The Oak Hotel/Restaurant 66**  
£59.95 Per Person  
Tel: 01843 583 686  
Email: oak.reception@thorleytaverns.co.uk

**The Captain Digby**  
£61.95 Per Person  
Tel: 01843 867 764  
Email: digby@thorleytaverns.co.uk

**The Tartar Frigate**  
£67.50 Per Person  
Tel: 01843 862 013  
Email: tartarfrigate@thorleytaverns.co.uk





**FACTORY SALE**

Up to **70% OFF**

**HORNBY HOBBIES VISITOR CENTRE**

**Great deals on products fantastic savings!**

Come along to our two day clearance event on

**Saturday and Sunday**

**28th & 29TH NOVEMBER**

Factory Shop open 10am - 4pm

**Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th November 10am - 3.30pm**

www.hornby.com/visitorcentre | Tel: 01843 233524  
E-mail: visitorcentre@hornby.com  
WESTWOOD | MARGATE | KENT | CT9 4JX  
On the A254 Ramsgate Road, between Westwood Cross Shopping Centre and Margate.

www.facebook.com/hornbymodelrailways

**HORNBY** **SCALEXTRIC** **AIRFIX** **CORGI** **Humbrol**



**HAMPERS**

**DELI, CAFÉ & SUPPER CLUB**  
- at -  
Curiously Kentish Bitchington

**KENT LIFE**  
Food & Drink Awards 2015  
**WINNER**

An indulgent range of foods for Christmas, from ingredients for your home cooking to culinary gift ideas & hampers.

"Cured & smoked meats, Pickles & Chutneys, Jams, pasta sauces, black treacle cured bacon ...all created in-house using local ingredients!"

Also open for breakfast, lunch, supper clubs & private catering for functions & parties.

Visit our website for more info  
**www.curiouslykentish.co.uk**

**curiously kentish** Tel: 01843 841180  
15 Minnis Road, Bitchington CT7 9NS



**VIBEZ**

VISIT OUR AWARD NOMINATED BOUTIQUE

★★★★★

*A Sexy* CHRISTMAS ALL WRAPPED UP UNDER ONE ROOF

10% DISCOUNT WITH THIS AD

LINGERIE • ADULT TOYS • ROMANTIC GIFTS  
GAMES • BEAUTY PARLOUR • SECRET SANTAS

**WWW.VIBEZADULTBOUTIQUE.CO.UK**

@vibezadultstore fb.com/vibezadultboutique

UNIT 3, 2M TRADE PARK, BEDDOW WAY, AYLESFORD, ME20 7BT - 01622 710000



**Santa Specials**



- A magical Train Ride to See Santa!
- Personalised Gift for the kids!
- Festive Refreshments!
- Decorated train with festive music and Lights!
- **PREBOOKED TICKETS ONLY!**

Dates, Prices & Booking visit :  
**www.eastkentrailway.co.uk**

See what our 2014 passengers said about us on Trip Advisor!



# The best advent calendars for adults this Christmas

**W**E all remember the childhood magic of counting down the days to Christmas with the help of an advent calendar, but there's a growing trend in grown-ups treating themselves to the Yuletide tradition, too. So with that in mind, here are some of the best grown-up advent calendars on offer.



*Seed advent calendar, £29.99*

If you're lucky enough to have a garden or an allotment (or perhaps just a really ambitious window-box), you'll love this selection of 24 different varieties of seed. Supplied in beautifully-illustrated packets adorned with fascinating facts, they'll grow into plants to remind you of this thoughtful gift throughout the year.



*Lego Star Wars advent calendar, £24.99*

Okay, so Lego might technically be for kids, but we think this highly-collectible Star Wars advent calendar is best left for the grown-ups who can truly appreciate it. Just hang onto the packaging; it might be worth something some day.

*Liberty beauty calendar, £149*

This stylish advent calendar sold out last year, which is no surprise, as it contains over £400-worth of products for less than half the price. The luxury goodies on offer include a Diptyque candle, Eve Lom cleanser, and NARS make-up.



*Hotel Chocolat calendars, £12.50-£26*

For those who prefer something more traditional, Hotel Chocolat does chocolate advent calendars with serious cocoa content. Choose from milk, dark or white chocolate, or upgrade to the luxurious 'truffles for two' version and share the treats.

*Lakrids liquorice advent calendar, £29.99*

If you yearn for something darker, this gourmet truffle advent calendar won't disappoint. Made by Danish confectioners with quality raw ingredients, each window hides a gourmet experience.



*Beard oil advent calendar, £29.99*

Got a furry-faced fella in your life? Keep him looking groomed with this selection of scented beard oils, featuring flavours as diverse and manly as tobacco, fresh-cut grass and, er, 'steel'.



## Rosemary Nurseries

Manston Road, Margate CT9 4LT  
yell.com - 01843 823282 - rosemarynurseries@yahoo.co.uk  
Find us between Margate Cemetery and the Spitfire Museum @ Kent Int. Airport

**Winter SALE 10% off all Ornamental and Fruiting Trees - Shrubs - Roses and pot grown hedging.**

**Double Primroses and trailing Pansies ready now**

*Support your local growers*

Winter opening hours 10 am to 3 pm.

December to January we will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

## Hawley Garden Centre - Dartford

**Santa's Grotto** **BOOK** 01322  
**Breakfast with Santa**  
**Afternoon Tea with Santa** **NOW** 224108

**www.hawleygardencentre.co.uk**



# Gifts for Star Wars fans this Christmas

**I**T's nearly time... time for that iconic Star Wars music to begin and time for Star Wars fans everywhere to delve into a new instalment of one of the best fantasy film series ever made.

Genie Gadgets has been waiting for this moment all year and to celebrate, they've sourced the best – and official – (let's not forget it's all authentic stuff) Star Wars bits and bobs out there so cue the music (just start humming it) as well as those obligatory light sabre sounds and let's get started...

**TO see the full collection of Star Wars themed gifts on offer visit [www.geniegadgets.com](http://www.geniegadgets.com).**



*Stars Wars DARTH Vader mask light*

Yes, yes, we all know he's a baddie, but we all love a bit of Darth, don't we? And if you say you haven't covered your mouth and tried to mimic the deep, heavy Darth Vader breathing sounds, we don't believe you. So, get your mimic on and light up this mega-cool 3D LED light for villainous fun you never knew was possible. With a child friendly, cool to touch design, it is battery operated (no pesky cords) for ease of use too.



*Star Wars Yoda 3D light*

We all know that Yoda is the wisest of all Jedi's so cast a super green glow around the room with this cool 3D light complete with cracked effect sticker that makes it look like his head has crashed through the wall. With a child friendly, cool to touch design, it is battery operated for ease of use too. Cool light we have here... (Yes, yes, say that in a Yoda voice!)



Shop with us: in centre | at home | on the go

**intu**  
Bromley



**Yay!**  
**Santa's grotto**  
opens 14 Nov

**Come and play this Christmas**

Book now at [intu.co.uk/bromley](http://intu.co.uk/bromley)





**Star Wars Storm Trooper cookie jar**

Did you know that Stormtroopers have entered the cookie storage industry? And excellent cookie storage skills they have too. This cool white option will look particularly good in a modern kitchen too...



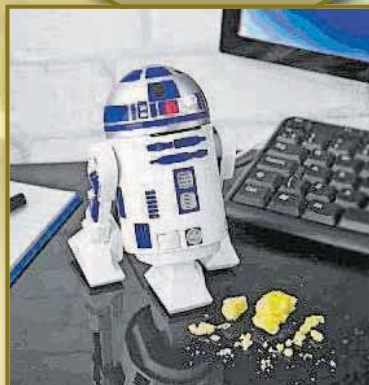
**Star Wars R2D2 desktop vacuum**

Keep your desk, kitchen table or worktop clean with the Star Wars R2-D2 Desktop Vacuum. Powered by USB (not the force), this nifty little gadget is intent on showing off his renowned vacuuming skills so you can start hoovering crumbs straight away... go on, release your inner neat freak (you know you want to).



**Star Wars Droid salt and pepper shakers**

Shake up mealtimes with this handy duo. A must for Star Wars fans or for anyone who wants something a little different on their kitchen table.



## Christmas Fayre Lunches

There is no better place to have lunch with the office or catch up with old friends than the Coniston Kitchen restaurant, known for its mouth-watering food and friendly service. Enjoy a 2 or 3 course lunch with table service, Monday to Saturday.

**Sittings from 12pm - 2pm**  
**Lunch Menu: 2 courses £16.95 | 3 courses: £19.95**

### Starters

**CHICKEN LIVER PATE** Fruit chutney, balsamic dressing  
**CHILLED MELON** Berry coulis, mixed berry compote  
**ROASTED TOMATO AND RED PEPPER SOUP** Basil pesto

### Mains

**ROLLED BREAST OF TURKEY** Filled with sage and cranberry stuffing, served with traditional trimmings  
**RED WINE BRAISED BLADE OF BEEF** Thyme roasted potatoes  
**GRILLED SALMON FILLET** Caper crushed potatoes, chive and lemon cream sauce  
**ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH, GOATS CHEESE AND SPINACH WELLINGTON** Roasted new potatoes, cumin cream sauce

### Desserts

**TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING** Brandy sauce  
**DUO OF CHOCOLATE MOUSSE** Orange curd  
**VANILLA CHEESECAKE** Winter berry compote

## New Year's Eve Gala

Celebrate in style and enjoy a fabulous 5 course meal, then dance the night away. So get your glad rags and your dancing shoes on and set the New Year off with a bang.

**Bar from 6pm - 1am : Sit down at 8pm : Disco closes at 1.30am**

### CANAPÉS ON ARRIVAL

#### Starters

**CHAMPAGNE POACHED SALMON TERRINE** Caper lemon dressing  
**LEEK, CHIVE AND MONTGOMERY'S CHEDDAR TART**  
Red onion marmalade

#### Mains

**HONEY GLAZED DUCK BREAST**  
Spring onion crushed potatoes, roasted plum jus  
**BLACK PEPPER HERB CRUSTED FILLET OF BEEF**  
Caramelised onion layered potatoes, baby vegetables, peppercorn sauce  
**WILD MUSHROOM AND BUTTERNUT SQUASH OPEN LASAGNE**  
Garlic and herb crouton

#### Desserts

**DARK CHOCOLATE AND ORANGE BROWNIE**  
Grand Marnier syrup, caramelised segments  
**WINTER BERRY ARTIC ROLL** Mulled berry compote

#### Cheese Selection

**BLUE CHEESE, MATURE CHEDDAR, GOAT'S CHEESE & BRIE**  
Grapes, cheese biscuits, spiced fruit chutney



BEST WESTERN PLUS  
**the coniston**  
KITCHEN

BEST WESTERN PLUS The Coniston Hotel & Restaurant  
70 London Road, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1NT  
Tel: +44 (0) 1795 410 560  
Email: [eventsmgr@conistonhotelkent.com](mailto:eventsmgr@conistonhotelkent.com)  
Web: [www.conistonhotelkent.com](http://www.conistonhotelkent.com)





# Your beauty guide for the Christmas parties

A little planning will go a long way in the run up to Christmas...

**W**hen it comes to parties, we can all agree that getting ready is half the fun, but in the run-up to Christmas, when mid-week soirees mean we don't have the luxury of lazy afternoons to primp and preen, the pressure really is on.

A little planning goes a long way, however, and with the right prep and products, you can transition from office to out on the town with ease - and keep your festive beauty mojo popping along with the Champagne corks.

These are the dozen daily essentials that will help you sail through party season...

## EASY AS NAILS

A UV-cured manicure is your best bet for polish that will make it through the 12 days of Christmas chip-free, but if you haven't got time to get to the salon, a DIY gel effect polish, like Nailed London, will still go the distance.

You need a shade that will complement all your outfits, so dark or nude is best, and the Perfect Classics Collection, £24, Amazon, offers both. Visit [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) for details.

If you fancy a quick change then Nails Inc's innovative new Paint Can Spray Nail Polish, £10, cuts your manicure time in half.

Paint on a clear base coat, spray Hoxton Market liberally, finish with a top coat and wash the excess off for a hot pink hand makeover in minutes. Visit [www.nailsinc.com](http://www.nailsinc.com) to find out more.



## BODY BEAUTIFUL

We do more than our fair share of dashing around in December, so keep a can of Sure Women Crystal Invisible Black & White, currently reduced to £1.65 from £3.39 (available from [www.superdrug.com](http://www.superdrug.com)), on hand, to freshen up while changing into your evening attire. Crucially, it won't leave marks, whether you're in an LBD or a white tux jacket.

Going tights-free in the deep mid-winter can be somewhat terrifying, but Sanctuary Spa Wonder Body, £8, will allay your flesh-baring fears. The moisturising lotion blurs, smoothes and adds a hint of colour and sheen. Visit [www.sanctuary.com](http://www.sanctuary.com).



# SANTA Specials

At Tenterden's Steam Railway  
Throughout December  
Booking Essential

NEW for 2015

## The Maze

Explore the festive maze and meet our Chilly characters!

Kent & East Sussex Railway  
01580 765155 • [kesr.org.uk](http://kesr.org.uk)



Malawi • South American cichlid • Central American cichlid • Guppy + other live barbers • Tetra  
Rasbora • Angelfish • Dwarf Angelfish • Lionfish • Foxface • Clownfish • Damselfish • Chromis  
Butterfly • Gobies • Mollies • Tetras • Surgefish • M. Inverts • M. soft corals • anemones

# Little Fish Shop Aquatic Centre

Established in 1999, we are now extremely well known for our friendly yet professional customer service and advice. We specialise in providing many types of marine, pond, cold water and tropical fish to fill your aquarium, as well as fish tanks to help you grow your collection!

For all your Aquatic needs:

- Marine • Tropical • Coldwater
- Ponds • Aquariums • Pond Plants
- Glass Fibre Ponds • Pumps
- Liners and much more
- Also now available
- Chicken Coops • Rabbit
- Guinea Pig Hutches & Runs

[www.littlefishshop.co.uk](http://www.littlefishshop.co.uk)

42 London Road • Tonbridge • ME9 9QJ

01795 520023

Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm Sunday 10am-4pm





### A BREATH OF FRESH HAIR

December can take its toll on our bank balances and sometimes, a visit to your colourist just isn't an option. But you needn't worry about revealing regrowth, because there are now a plethora of root cover-up products on the market.

Most come as a powder or spray, but Kazumi Root Varnish, £30, is a gel formula that can be brushed onto wet or dry hair, allowing greater precision in five shades, from blonde to black. Visit [www.boots.com](http://www.boots.com) for details.

If lacklustre locks are a problem, dry shampoo will give them a new lease of life pre-party - or pep them up the morning after.

Aveda's new Shampure Dry Shampoo, £22, is a powder that you massage into your roots then brush out, adding volume and a fresh scent.

Visit [www.aveda.co.uk](http://www.aveda.co.uk) for further information.



### MULTI-TASKING MAKE-UP

If your desk becomes your dressing table right about now, a strict cosmetic edit is a must.

A palette will save you carting round a mountains of make-up, while also giving you flexibility to chop and change your look, should the mood take you.

Yves Saint Laurent Kiss & Love Makeup Palette, £59, offers interchangeable eye, lip and cheek options in a sweet kiss-print compact.

Visit [www.houseoffraser.co.uk](http://www.houseoffraser.co.uk) to purchase.

Pair it with Ecotools Mini Essentials Brush Set, £5.99, to create seductive eye make-up looks and perfectly flushed cheeks. Visit [www.boots.com](http://www.boots.com).

When boozy lunches have a tendency to bleed into cocktail hour and beyond, you need a lipstick that just won't quit. Laura Mercier's Velour Lovers Lip Colour, £22, comes in 12 matte shades of saucy-sounding colours, like hot pink Boudoir and Foreplay (the brightest red), the colour pay off matched only by its staying-power.

Available from [www.johnlewis.com](http://www.johnlewis.com).

Can't decide on one shade? MAC Irresistibly Charming Pink Lip Gloss Kit, £26, consists of a quartet of rosy hues in handbag-ready mini tubes.

Visit [www.maccosmetics.co.uk](http://www.maccosmetics.co.uk).



## New Year's Eve Gala Dinner

### STARTER

#### Broccoli & Stilton Soup

homemade soup served with garlic croutons

#### Grilled Asparagus & Artichoke

served with mixed salad & dressing

#### Homemade Chef's Fishcake

mixed smoked salmon & haddock served with Thai chilli dressing

### CHAMPAGNE SORBET

### MAIN

#### Surf & Turf

Filet of beef & king prawns served with fondant potato & homemade rich gravy

#### Traditional Roast Turkey

with sage & onion stuffing, pigs in blankets, Yorkshire pudding, honey roast parsnips & homemade rich gravy

#### Herb Crusted Fillet of Cod

served with new potatoes, spinach & white wine sauce

#### Chef's Goat Cheese Tart & Onion Marmalade

served with rocket leaf & balsamic dressing

### DESSERTS

#### Christmas Pudding

served with brandy sauce or custard

#### Champagne & Raspberry Torte

#### Vanilla Cheesecake

### A Selection of Cheese & Biscuits

### Coffee & Mince Pies

**£49.95**  
per person

## Packages

### FESTIVE DRINKS PACKAGES

#### 4 Bottles of House Wine £55.00

(Any combination of red, white & rosé)

Plus 2 bottles of mineral water or a jug of orange juice.

#### Bottled Lager Package £25.00

10 bottles of 330ml guest lager

These special drinks packages are only available on a pre-order basis before your event.

Discounted pre-order wine list available, please ask for details.

### OVERNIGHT PACKAGES

#### Package 1: 2 Night Package

##### from 30th December

2 course à la carte meal in the Hythe Sea Lounge on the first night, full English breakfast in the morning. On 31st December enjoy our leisure facilities during the day & then in the evening celebrate New Year's Eve in style in our Lukin Suite with a 4 course dinner & entertainment until 1am. £189.95 per person sharing a standard twin/double.

#### Package 2: 1 Night

##### from 31st December

Celebrate New Year's Eve in style in our Lukin Suite with a 4 course dinner & entertainment until 1am, full English breakfast the following morning. £122.45 per person sharing a standard twin/double. Packages must be pre-booked. A 20% deposit is due on booking & then the balance is due at the end of October. For bookings made after the end of October the full amount will be due on booking.

For full terms & conditions please speak to our events or reservations team.

## Terms & Conditions

Terms & conditions apply and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of these terms. Please ask for full details.

£10.00 per person non refundable deposit is required within 14 days of booking, failure will result in booking being released. (Christmas Day & New Year's Eve events require a £25 deposit per person).

Free place available for organisers of parties over 20 (this is only applicable to Party Nights & Lunches, Christmas Day Lunch & New Year's Eve are excluded from this offer)

Final balances due on all events 1 month prior to event. Groups of ten or more persons must pre-order & provide their menu choices 1 month prior to event.

Overnight accommodation (excludes New Year's Eve) available from £70.00 per twin/double including breakfast. Singles from £60.00 including breakfast. Non attendance of persons will result in loss of monies paid - no refunds or discretionary allowances will be made.

## How to find us

**Airports:** London Gatwick 75 miles, London Heathrow 90 miles.

**Railway:** Sandling 4 miles, Folkestone Central 6 miles.



Stade Street, West Parade  
Hythe CT21 6DT

Tel: 01303 268263

[www.stadecourthotel.co.uk](http://www.stadecourthotel.co.uk)

facebook.com/stadecourthotel

@stadecourthotel

**CELEBRATE  
THE FESTIVE  
SEASON 2015**  
WITH US  
— BEST WESTERN —  
**STADE COURT HOTEL**

**PROOF ONE**





**KENT COUNTY SHOW TICKETS 2016  
NOW ON SALE, THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT.**

**01622 633060 kentshow.co.uk**

**kentcounttyshow** **kentcounttyshow** **kentcounttyshow**



[www.littlestonegolfclub.org.uk](http://www.littlestonegolfclub.org.uk)

## Christmas at Littlestone Golf Club.

Join us for a festive lunch or dinner this holiday season. 2 course £19.50 or 3 course £24.50  
Available for groups of 10 or more throughout December.

### To start

Chicken liver parfait with brioche toast  
Smoked salmon and dill, lemon cream cheese roulade  
(V) Grilled goat 's cheese with roast beetroot and balsamic vinegar  
Smoked duck salad with raspberry vinaigrette

### The main event

Roast turkey with all the festive trimmings  
Chargrilled tuna steak with lemon butter and chive new potatoes  
(V) Roast butternut squash filled with pine nut infused quinoa and crumbled feta Braised beef with horseradish mash All served with seasonal vegetables

### Dessert

Christmas pudding with brandy butter and vanilla custard  
Chocolate and clementine mousse  
Farmhouse cheese and biscuits

[e:adrian@littlestonegolfclub.org.uk](mailto:e:adrian@littlestonegolfclub.org.uk) to book your party



or call us to book your table on 01797 363355

**Littlestone Golf Club**

Championship Links Since 1888. Links golf - the way it was meant to be.

**St Andrews Road, Littlestone, Kent TN28 8RB**

**[info@littlestonegolfclub.org.uk](mailto:info@littlestonegolfclub.org.uk)**



# A guide to the best pantos on in the county this Christmas

**F**Or many, Christmas is not complete until they enjoy an outing to the pantomime with their family or friends.

This year there is a huge variety of shows on offer throughout the county, from Cinderella to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

And with performances beginning in the coming weeks and running until early January, there is plenty of time to visit your local theatre and see them performed on stage.

Pantomime remains as popular as ever, with its anarchic mish-mash of drama, comedy, music and double entendre delighting audiences every year.

A number of familiar faces will be popping up in this year's productions, including EastEnders star Shane Richie, who will be taking on the title role in Dick Whittington, and the star of CBBC show Tracy Beaker, Dani Harmer, who will be taking on the role of Cinderella.

Here is our guide of some of the pantomimes in the area that you can enjoy this year...

■ **The Orchard Theatre, Dartford:**

Dick Whittington features EastEnders actor Shane Richie, who will take on the title role.

The show will be running from December 12 to January 3, 2016.

For more information or to book tickets, visit [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk) or call the ticket office on 01322 220000.

■ **The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury:**

Family pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, featuring EastEnders actress Rita Simons and CBeebies star Phil Gallagher, will be performed this year.

The show runs from November 27 to



January 10, 2016.

For more details, call the box office on 01227 787787 or visit [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com).

■ **Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells:**

Cinderella will be making its way to the town this Christmas.

The star of CBBC's Tracy Beaker, Dani Harmer, will be taking on the role of Cinderella.

She will be joined on stage by EastEnders star Louise Jameson, who will play the Fairy Godmother, and Jamie Rickers as Buttons.

The show runs from December 11 to January 3, 2016.

To book, visit [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk) or call the box office on 01892 530613.

■ **Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone:**

Mystical pantomime Aladdin will be performed in Folkestone.

It tells the story of poor boy Aladdin, who tries to win the heart of a beautiful princess and defeat the evil Abanazar.

The show runs from December 22 to January 9.

For more details, visit [www.atgtickets.com/folkestone](http://www.atgtickets.com/folkestone).

■ **Woodville Theatre, Gravesend:**

Robin Hood and the Babes in the Woods, starring EastEnders actor Ricky Norwood as the Sheriff of Nottingham, will be on stage in Gravesend.

The show also stars B\*Witched singers

in the show. He will be joined on stage by Jen Pringle, who will take on the role of Princess Jasmine, and Luke Roberts, who will play the title role of Aladdin.

Aladdin will run from November 27 to January 3, 2016.

To book, you can visit [www.atgtickets.com/bromley](http://www.atgtickets.com/bromley).

■ **Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks:**

Peter Pan will be on stage at the theatre this year.

The pantomime stars Boyzone singer Shane Lynch, who will be taking on the iconic role of Captain Hook.

He will be joined by EastEnders actor Jamie Foreman and pop star Ben Ofoedo. The show runs from December 5 to January 10.

To book, call 01732 450175.

■ **Brittania Theatre, Chatham**

Maritime:

Dick Whittington is the pantomime of choice for Chatham this year.

The show stars S Club 7 singer Tina Barrett, who will play Fairy Bowbells, Hollyoaks actor Paul Danan and Derek Griffiths.

It will be running from December 12 to January 3.

To book, visit [www.thebritanniakent.com](http://www.thebritanniakent.com).

■ **Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone**

Peter Pan will be performed this year, running from December 4 to January 3.

To book visit [www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk](http://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk).

■ **Theatre Royal Margate:**

Aladdin will be on stage, starring Coronation Street actor Danny Young.

It will run from December 12 to 29. To book, visit [www.theatreroyalmargate.com](http://www.theatreroyalmargate.com).

Have a great panto experience...





# THE MARLOWE THEATRE

Christmas  
gift ideas from  
The Marlowe.

## Gift vouchers

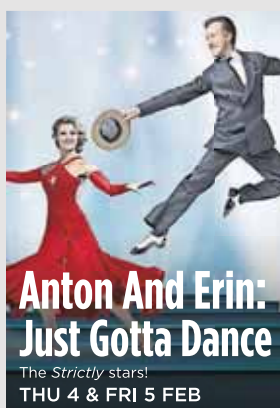
Marlowe gift vouchers  
make a magic  
Christmas gift and  
can be used for  
all of our shows  
and restaurant.

Much better  
than socks!



## Marlowe Friends membership

From as little as £25,  
the theatre-lover in  
your life can book  
first and save money!



Book your tickets today by calling the Box Office on  
**01227 787787** (bkg fee) or book online at **marlowetheatre.com** (bkg fee).





# Blue plaque marks time Beatles came on a magical tour

The Fab Four spent several days in West Malling to shoot their psychedelic movie the *Magical Mystery Tour*. **Chris Murphy** reports on how it has now been remembered

A BLUE plaque has been attached to a building in West Malling to mark where The Beatles filmed some of their legendary movie, *The Magical Mystery Tour*.

The Fab Four shot a number of scenes in the town - and used the town's former airfield for scenes in

the psychedelic film which was released in 1967.

The group were already huge global superstars and made their visit to the county shortly after the band released their seminal album, Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

All four, along with their partners at the time, proved a big hit with the Moor and Mountain ski shop in the town, added: "I am in the film as an extra.

"We did it over a whole weekend. As we understood it, these were the finishing pieces for the film but sadly we didn't get any photos of them, because we were not rich enough in the 1960s to have cameras.

"I remember I was following Paul about when he was with [actress] Jane Asher, and George was with Pattie Boyd, Ringo was with Maureen Cox, and John was with his wife Cynthia and little Julian [their son] was running about in a white suit.

"They had the psychedelic Rolls-Royce there and obviously had the bus.

"Ringo bought stuff from our shop on the corner there. I was a youngster then and was just getting in to fashion gear and Ringo bought flared jeans and a round collared shirt.

"John grabbed a hat from someone in the crowd. It had been bought in our shop and John wore it while filming the scene where he was buying tickets with Ringo for the tour in the film. The hat had cost the customer nine shillings and eleven pence and was recently sold for £3,000. That was old Fred, who was a member of the borough council."

Recently a blue plaque was unveiled by Chatham and Aylesford MP and culture minister Tracey Crouch. It has gone up on the side of a fast food restaurant to mark that moment in 1967.

County councillor Trudy Dean was in charge of getting the blue plaque put up. She told us: "There was a little bit of a dispute over where the plaque should be. We managed to track someone down who was able to confirm we were looking at the right building.

"When The Beatles came to film, they didn't have much of a budget, so they recruited locals as extras doing some walk-on parts and we were told that around 50 of them were used."

Mr Baldock says the local newsagent's shop, now the restaurant, was used as a location where tickets were sold for the mystery tour. The shop owner was called Stan and he insisted the film crew waited until he closed

locals - many of whom would be extras in the shooting of the slightly odd 52-minute film.

Tim Baldock, now 68, remembers the time well. He told KoS: "It was a great moment for me. They came up from Cornwall and arrived in West Malling creating a little bit of chaos."

Mr Baldock, who now runs the for business for the day so he didn't lose any money.

He said: "Stan said they asked him if he wanted to be paid for using his shop for filming, and when he said no, Paul thanks him and pushed a fiver in his pocket telling him he should treat himself to a cigar on him.

"It was a fun time to have what was the world's biggest pop band in your own little town. They were all really nice and got on with the locals really well. It was a treat and is now something I will never forget."

Tourism champions for the county Visit Kent said it was fitting the town should become a stop-off for any Beatles fan wishing to follow in their footsteps. A spokeswoman said: "The *Magical Mystery Tour* film was first shown on BBC1 on December 26, 1967 and was largely filmed at West Malling airfield, at the time a de-commissioned RAF airfield and now Kings Hill.

"Shortly after the beginning of the film, Ringo Starr went into a newsagent and bought tickets for the *Magical Mystery Tour* for himself and his Aunt Jessie from John Lennon. That newsagent was the Town Newsagency, then at 90 High Street, West Malling."

The film was not an instant hit with some versions being released in black and white and others in colour.

In a 1969 interview, Paul McCartney said: "There were a couple of things that were hashed up about that. One was that we made it in colour and it was put out first of all in black and white.

"There were whole big sequences which you couldn't understand because the colours change. It was mad. That was a bit daft.

"The thing itself was put on telly when everyone was expecting Christmas extravaganzas and we put on this mad film."

Scenes at the former RAF airfield included The Beatles casually dancing down giant stairs in a hanger to be welcomed by more than 150 dancers. Then there was a children's tug of war plus some blindfolded vicars.

## AND THEY SHOT FAMOUS SCENES IN SEVENOAKS TOO



THE notion of a pop video was still in its infancy when the band was back in Kent filming scenes for Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields Forever, a double A-side single.

The group chose Knole Park in Sevenoaks for its historic look and rolling countryside.

Paul, John, Ringo and George, are seen cantering around an archway on horseback in the Penny Lane video before riding past a 'stage' set up in Knole's grounds and onto a banqueting

table. Representative of the psychedelic times in the 1960s, it is all a little surreal.

Julian Joseph Sylvester was a 14-year-old student at the neighbouring school. He told the BBC that in February 1967 he was a little ill and rather than go to games, he decided to check rumours the band was filming next door.

He said: "The Beatles were riding around on horses, pouring paint over a piano and jumping from dead trees with Lennon singing 'Hey hey we're the Monkees'."

He claims to have later laid claim to a champagne bottle seen in the ice bucket in the Penny Lane video.

He said: "The Beatles then got up from the table which was overturned by Lennon and McCartney, the bottle was thrown to the ground which is where I retrieved it from."

He said he got John Lennon to sign the label later in the day.

The video features on The Beatles 1, a new boxset of restored videos.



# **Foster Carers urgently Needed in Kent –**

**Do you have the compassion to look after a  
child who is seeking refuge in the UK?**



**If you have a spare room; can offer a secure, safe and loving  
environment to a homeless child and have the time, energy and  
commitment to care, please contact us urgently –  
we're waiting to hear from you.**

***Tel: 0845 603 8354***

***Email: [info@nextstepfostering.org](mailto:info@nextstepfostering.org)***

***Web: [www.nextstepfostering.org](http://www.nextstepfostering.org)***





# Bake Off's Mat Riley talks about fatherhood and trying new things

The skateboarding TV baker from Tunbridge Wells claims his time in a fire station has prepared him for sleepless nights with his baby while also revealing he only started baking some three years ago...

**Sarah Sturt**

sarah.sturt@archant.co.uk

**I**F YOU'RE interviewing Great British Bake Off contestant Mat Riley, the Tunbridge Wells firefighter, surely the only place to meet up is at a fire station? And where better than the iconic Old Fire Station in nearby Tonbridge, currently the hottest place in town and temporarily being used as an exciting pop-up venue for everyone from chefs and artisan brewers to tailors and artists.

Mr Riley, who serves with the London Fire Brigade, was delighted to get a chance to see behind the big red doors. Once he'd explored the space, a hive of activity with trestles and tables being set up for the latest venture to 'pop up' that evening, we headed round the corner to another highly appropriate venue: The Bakehouse at 124.

And what a lovely chap he is, exactly like he came over on the telly; friendly, down to earth and still a tad bemused by the GBBO fan base. On our short walk from fire station to tea room, he's stopped several times for photos, handshakes and even the odd hug, but greets everyone with the same warmth.

Not only that, he became a first-time father to son Ruben just over two weeks before our meeting, and has just moved home. He could be forgiven for being a bit tired and ratty, but he just laughs and says shift work has made him an ideal dad for night-time nappy duty.

"You sleep in a dorm at the fire station and you're so used to people coming in and out, chatting, lights going on. Six months with the fire brigade would sort out any new dad."

He's also so excited about his new house, a bungalow just off Camden Road,



that he brushes off the stress of moving house. "In the old place near the Pantiles I could touch all four walls with outstretched hands, it was so tiny, but that's where I did all my practising for Bake Off."

"Now it's so nice to have space, loads of cupboards to put things in rather than having everything piled up and I'm going to be able to experiment with new recipes. It's the main reason we went for the bungalow – it's got a massive kitchen with room for a table for eight."

Mr Riley, 38, only began baking three years ago when the four days on, four days off routine of his working life gave him time to experiment in the kitchen – and his imminent wedding to Alex Beard, the London Live TV presenter – the incentive to practise baking cakes.

He never did make the macaron tower they'd originally planned (friends and family

**LOVELY CHAP:** Bake Off's Mat Riley has a lot going on – a new baby son, a new home and he's also back driving a fire engine

made all the food for their budget wedding in Wadhurst), but his mastery of the notoriously tricky French sweet meringue-based confection gave him the confidence to try more and more recipes.

There was also a willing group of tasters in the shape of his firefighter buddies, who quickly came to expect sweet treats every time he came back from a break and were rarely disappointed.

"Every time I took something I'd made into the fire station the blokes loved it – it didn't always look good, but it usually tasted good. Great British Bake Off was on at the time last year and it became a bit of a rolling joke that I should apply for it. In the fire service you have to bring cakes in for literally everything and I always made mine. So I applied as a bit of joke really."

Then, of course, it all got a bit more serious. "You have to do interviews,

bake in a commercial kitchen in front of the camera, while you're talking – loads. But I think I was alright because I told myself the worst thing that's going to happen to you is that you're not going to get on to Bake Off, then when I was on the show it was making a bad cake and having to go home, which is annoying and upsetting but not the end of the world.

"So I went in with that kind of approach and I did alright really. I made it to week seven. After week one I took the pressure off myself and thought, I've got this far, I'm not going to get ribbed too much back at the fire station. Then it got to week three, week four and it was even better – to get to week seven was amazing. There's nothing now that I wouldn't try."

Chatting to Mat, it sounds like he's never been afraid to give new things a try, and while his ambition was always to be a firefighter, en route he's had a few

interesting changes of direction.

"Years ago I thought I was going to be a fashion designer, so the first thing I did was buy a sewing machine and made a few bits. They were pretty awful, it was a moment a bit like my baking when I thought – I could be really good at this and just went for it. The baking went further than the fashion designing."

Before trying to become the next Paul Smith, however, his first job was as a hairdresser in Tunbridge Wells, which he did for three years and loved. Then came the perfect job for this skateboarder of 25 years, working in the skateboard shop in Camden Road.

But the dream was always to get into the fire service, and it's an indication of his determined character that he succeeded. "I am not sure when Kent last recruited, probably years ago – it's not a job that many people leave, except when they retire, so vacancies don't come up very often."

He went through various stages from initial application to testing of personal qualities such as the ability to work in a team and deal with stressful situations, followed by an interview, exams, a physical check and a medical – just to get to the four months of intensive training level.

"I love it, I'm at East Greenwich, the governor and the guys I work with are great, the station is busy enough without being too manic and the jobs you get to do put you in a very privileged position. You're knocking on people's doors and you get welcomed in when they probably wouldn't welcome in the police or social workers."

"Once a situation gets a bit hairy your training kicks in and you're never on your own, you've always got a minimum of two and you're going to work out what you're going to do pretty quickly."

"I started baking because it was something that was relaxing and enjoyable to do, then it turned into something that was about as high pressure as it could get baking wise. I was being filmed, there were 13 million people watching me on TV, seeing every slip up I made."

"You do think about the audience and the mistakes with the first couple of bakes, but a couple of weeks in I started to enjoy it more, get to have a bit of a laugh with the others."

"Those first couple of weeks you don't know anyone or how good they are. When we all got announced, that was a funny day – all of a sudden your face is on the front page of about 10 papers, then you get recognised when you go out. Now it's back to work, the guys treat me just the same and I'm driving a fire engine again."

**Read the full interview with Mat Riley in the December issue of our sister title – Kent Life... which is out now, priced £3.35.**





# SHAMPAN

AT THE SPINNING WHEEL

As a renowned and award-winning restaurant, there is always something happening at Shampan at the Spinning Wheel, from weddings to parties, launches to corporate functions and much more!

Our beautiful Saffron Room and Mumbai Quarters Suite is available for private functions and our spacious restaurant offers not only elegantly designed dining rooms, but there is also ample space in our garden to have a marquee.

Here's a glimpse of what has been happening at Shampan at the Spinning Wheel in the past few months...



## SHAMPAN'S BUSINESS TO BUSINESS CORPORATE LUNCHEON

We hosted a networking lunch event in our stunning marquee, an event attended by a wealth of local companies, corporate businesses, council members along others. Showcasing our event facilities, our guests enjoyed music and dance entertainment whilst tucking into our delectable cocktails, canapés and samples of the A la Carte menu.

## SHAMPAN GROUP'S AUTUMN GALA 2015

A glittering event was laid out as celebration of the 26th year of Shampan Group. Loyal guests and friends joined us for a gala evening filled with lavish entertainment, cocktails and previews of the dishes new to the Shampan at the Spinning Wheel menu. Shampan Group's Proprietor and Director, Sufian Miah, started the evening by extending thanks to everyone for their support over the 26 years and presented an update of how Shampan Foundation is proceeding in Bangladesh. A night to remember!



## SHAMPAN HOSTS BMW AND MINI

We understand the importance of building strong and reputable relationships with our corporate friends. We recently held a marquee event on behalf of BMW Stephen James as they unveiled the all new BMW 7 Series and the new MINI Clubman. Their guests enjoyed dishes from the Shampan menu whilst viewing the exclusive and prestigious cars.



## SHAMPAN AT THE SPINNING WHEEL

Grays Road, Westerham, Kent, TN16 2HX

For more information on booking your event call **01959 572622**

**www.shampangroup.com**

NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

Shampan Group would like to thank you for your loyalty and support over the years.





**BALLET:** Giselle will be performed in January

## Magical performances of Giselle and The Nutcracker

Two classic ballet performances will be in Dartford, writes **Molly Kersey-Law...**

**R**ENOWNED dance company Moscow City Ballet will be bringing two classic performances to Dartford.

Featuring a number of talented dancers, ballets Giselle and The Nutcracker will be on stage at the Orchard Theatre early next year.

Giselle tells the story of a village girl, who is driven to madness and dies of a broken heart when she discovers that her lover Albercht is betrothed to marry another.

A group of supernatural women, who all died before their wedding day, then summon Giselle to dance.

The show features the music of composer Adolphe Adam.

The Nutcracker, which features Tchaikovsky's iconic score, tells the story of young Clara - who undertakes a magical adventure when her Nutcracker Prince comes to life.

Their journey includes a visit to the Land of the Flowers and the Flower Fairy.

Both of the productions will feature live music - which will be performed by the Moscow City Ballet Orchestra - and will star principal ballerinas Alevtina Lapshina and Liliya Oryekhova.

The Moscow City Ballet was founded by Victor Smirnov-Golovanov in 1988.

He died in 2013, and his wife - Ludamila Neroubashchenko - took on the role of artistic director.

Speaking about the performances, she said: "I believe our dancers bring 110 per cent to every performance, incredible agility, grace, beauty and drama."

"The costumes and sets are magical and we tour with a live orchestra which adds to the overall production and creates more

excitement for the audience.

"The Nutcracker is a delightful ballet to watch at this time of year, the set and costumes are stunning and the story is easy for younger dance fans to follow."

"We stay faithful to the Russian interpretation and feature the Land of Flowers and the Flower Fairy which is danced by Lilia Oryekhova, a truly magical scene to watch."

"Moscow City Ballet has a distinctive style and exciting choreography which comes from traditional Russian ballet and years of training."

"So audiences will see these elements such as artistry, technique, narrative and live music combine to provide a 'big story' ballet. It's very exciting, it's a journey, a complete experience and audiences in Dartford will love it."

Dancer Lilia Oryekhova, who

has been with the Moscow City Ballet since 2008, added: "For me each performance - is a great responsibility. Surely, The Nutcracker is one of the most well-known and also one of my favourite ones. I dreamed from my childhood to perform in it."

"The ballet with the fun costumes, instantly recognisable music and Christmas scenes marks the start of the festive period for me. It's a really fun ballet to perform. The production is so dynamic, that it grabs the attention from the very start and keeps it to the very end."

Giselle will be performed from January 19 to 20.

The Nutcracker will be on stage from January 21 to 23.

To book tickets you can visit [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk) or call the ticket office on 01322 220000.

» Email us details of your event to: [editorial@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:editorial@kosmedia.co.uk)  
Tel: 01233 653476



Follow us @KOSMedia or [www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure](http://www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure)



## How to use your mydate24 dating service ...

**Place** your advert call:  
**0844 381 5289**  
and follow the simple instructions

To **Place** your ad by text  
Simply text **REG** followed by your first name, date of birth, area and your advert (max 155 characters) and send to **80098**  
**FREE** Standard Network rates apply.

To **Reply** to members from your landline call:  
**0906 515 7112**

calls cost £1.55 per min plus your phone company's access charge.

Have the adverts 6-digit box no written down and do **key-it-in** promptly when asked. Don't forget to leave contact details for replies.

Or **Text...** **REPLY2** (leave space) box number (leave space) and then enter your message & send to **80098** eg: **REPLY2 123456 hi get in touch...** then send to **80098**  
Successfully received messages cost £1.50 per message (Max 160 characters). You must exchange 7 messages each before you can swap contact details. Messages may be moderated for your safety and security.

**Date ONLINE**  
**YOU** can now date online or via your mobile  
Simply **VISIT** us at:

**www.bbjournal24.mydate24.co.uk**

**THE** biggest UK on-line database of 17 million **UK REAL** users waiting to meet **you.. visit..** **www.bbjournal24.mydate24.co.uk**

## Women Seeking

**REMEMBER:** Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

mydate24

**LUCY**, 32, blonde, tall and slim, looking for a casual fling, nothing serious. Discretion needed and assured. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 420237

**KATIE** 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+. Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 4290 Box 419673

**DANCE** partner 65-75 sought by Maureen, Thanet based lady, slim, brown hair, green eyes, seeking dancing, fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 420231

**DISCREET** man wanted by married lady for no strings fun. I'm called Sarah and am 37yrs. P's call. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 4298 Box 418167

**SINGLE** slim female, 68, n/s, GSOH, likes cooking, walking etc, seeks male, single, slim 65-70, n/s, with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 420091

**JANE**, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. Tel: No: 0906 515 4287 Box: 409715

**SLIM** female GSOH, 5'3, Likes walking, pub lunches, days out, looking for soul mate, smart appearance, similar interests N/S GSOH, easy going. Text only to Mailbox no: 472600

**MAUREEN**, discreet sensual lady, 42yrs seeks daytime fun at her home. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 4274 Box: 405297

**INTELLIGENT** funny guy with-out a huge ego required for damaged heart. Casey 39, size 10, curves in all the right places, pretty, kind, loving, genuine, romantic and available. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 415509

**KIND** lady, 50s, been broken hearted, seeks kind, genuine man for caring relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 419889

**SOPHIA** young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. Tel: 0906 515 4291 Box: 413399

**PAT**, slim, single, 68, non-smoker, GSOH, likes going for walks etc, seeks male, slim, single, 66-70, non-smoker, clean-shaven, GSOH, with similar interests. Canterbury area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 419081

**CHLOE**, pretty brunette, 30yrs good job but lacking male with a naughty side, is that you, age unimportant. Text only to Mailbox no: 405758

**MARION**, early 70s, young at heart, GSOH, active, likes walking, gardening, meals out, travel, theatre and animals, looking for male friendship to share interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 419657

**MELANIE**, tanned, toned, young 41yrs divorcee with own flat, working, solvent, just missing a chap. Text only to Mailbox no: 4112160

**CHANTELLE**, 5ft3 light brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, like nights in/out, walks, animals, romance seeks honest guy. Littlehampton. Text only to Mailbox no: 4923883

**MARIE**, very lovely middle-aged woman, looking for a kind hearted older man, late 70s/early 80s for friendship/companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418955

**RACHEL**, late 40s, blonde, blue eyes and very voluptuous. Looking for a kind, caring honest man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418741

**ESSEX** lady, mid 60's, adaptable, seeking nice male, likes most things. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418537

**AMANDA**, 36, tall, slim, busty brunette seeks man, any age, any area, for discreet daytime fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418117

**HELEN**, widow 58, medium build, 5ft 4ins, blonde, GSOH, likes a chat, days out, looking to start again with someone of similar age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376243

**FEMALE**, 59, GSOH, many interests, seeks caring male for fun friendship maybe more, genuine calls only. Text only to Mailbox No: 4819793

**GORGEOUS** flower Ashtford Kent, 51, larger lady, large personality, easy going, seeks male who likes dogs, animals for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 417435

**FEMALE** easy going, kind, loving, genuine, romantic, car boots, gardening, seeking male with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 417603

**PAT**, 68, young at heart, slim, proud 4' 11" GSOH, N/S, likes walking etc Whistable area, seeks similar slim easy going male 60-70. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 419081

**SUSIE** fit, friendly, looking for someone to love and look after me, preferably, older, N/S male with own car. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392537

**HAPPY** young looking lady, 62, likes socialising, conversation, seeking nice man to share good times with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 407383

**KATIE**, 5ft 5, slim dark hair, very attractive female, likes most things in life and a good laugh, looking for a similar male. Text only to Mailbox No: 4722127

**NICE** female looking for decent genuine male for friendship to start out with. Text only to Mailbox No: 4710874

**REMEMBER:** Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

**BLONDE** female, 5ft 1ins, size 12, likes meals out, drinks, nights in, walks, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 409025

**JAN** 63, young at heart, petite, 5ft 2ins, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, likes cooking, countryside, travel, days out, seeks easy going male, 60-70. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416349

**ATTRACTIVE** lady early 50's, petite, Scandinavian blonde professional, WLTW professional, caring gent, 50-60's for attention and future together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 415659

**JANINE** 36, faithful, sincere, will never stray seeking similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 414629

**BLONDE** female, 47, looking for fun, sensual, experienced, understanding, seeking similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 415675

**RACHEL** attractive, blue eyes, blonde, voluptuous, seeking kind, honest, generous kind male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418403

**JAN** 63, young at heart, petite, 5ft 2ins, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, likes cooking, countryside, travel, days out, seeks easy going male, 60-70. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416349

**ALISON** 39, petite with long brown hair, hazel eyes, very loving, seeking similar male for an uncomplicated relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416517

**ALISON** 30, pretty, slim with long brown hair, fit and active seeks fit older male for energetic relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416497

**DEBORAH** 41, intelligent brunette, lovely brown eyes, discreet, many interests, seeks similar male to share fun and good conversation. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416515

**ATTRACTIVE** black, athletic lady, varied interests, seeks similar white, old fashioned, genuine male for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416215

**REMEMBER:** Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

**SIX** foot guy, mature, looking for someone special to spend some quality time with. Please leave me a message I would love to hear from you! Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 420163

**DAVID**, 39yrs, divorced with no ties, lovely flat in Spain, seeks travel companion, single mums welcome. Text only to Mailbox no: 4112425

**HUBERT**, lives in Rochester, single, lonely, looking for someone to get together with and make something happen and enjoy the rest of life with! Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 420049

**PAUL** 52, seeks loving female for exciting times, meals out, weekends away, cosy nights in. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418077

**GARETH** handsome 40's pilot, strong tall build, seeks daytime discreet passion with lady 30-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 414421

**MALE** 56, likes good conversation, seeks older lady for discreet friendly fun, 50 plus. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 419201

**YOUNG** 60yr old male, knows how to treat a lady, seeking special lady to spoil for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 417909

**MICK** 50, seeks attractive female for nice times out, genuine calls only. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 417691

**PAUL** 49 5ft 8ins likes eating/drinking in/out, looking for female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 404013

**MAY** sexy black African female, 38, hardworking, seeks generous friendly male for mutual rewarding friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416211

**SUE** young at heart, good looking, enjoys life, socialising, beach walks, gardening, theatre, seeking male, 55-65 to share life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416171

**JACKIE** 32, attractive professional, very smart and feminine, long brown hair, seeks smart, confident, older male who knows how to treat a lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416297

**BECKY** 23, classy blonde, long blonde hair, blue eyes seeks loving older guy to spoil and pamper her. Discretion assured/guaranteed. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416233

**LINDA** 26, cheeky, curvy brunette, a little shy at first, likes to look after herself, seeks dark haired male for discreet naughty but fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416195

**FEMALE** seeking male for adult fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 413809

**PAUL** GSOH, 5ft 8ins, medium build, seeking Miss Right for LTR to put the spark back into life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391970

**PROFESSIONAL**, romantic male, 44, likes meals out, cinema, music, holidays, seeks female, 30-55 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 250195

**PAUL** 48, 5ft 8ins, GSOH, likes music, cinema, seeks female for fun, friendship and LTR. Tunbridge Wells. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371985

**MALE** 51, 5ft 8ins, N/S, GSOH, easygoing, seeks slim female, 18-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338269

**ROCKABILLY** guy, seeks rock chick, 25-50 who likes 50's rock music and bands. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 284750

**CLINT**, 37, kind, caring, honest and WLTW someone of any age who is similar and looking for a relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 419951

**WHITE** Knight 59 5'10 tall, OHAC, in shining armour, looking for Damsel in Distress of similar age to share fun & laughter. Text only to Mailbox no: 5073004

**CALM**, kind and good company, male seeking a lovely lady for good times and fun and loving. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 419733

**BARRY** 47, 6ft, well built, seeks female for winning, dining and fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361787

**50YR** old divorced white male, passionate, strong, seeking caring lady for romantic, loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418641

**MALE** 47, builder, seeks lady for companionship and closeness, age and looks unimportant. Text only to Mailbox no: 492481

**MATTHEW**, five foot eleven, looking for a mature lady for discreet friendship and a few laughs. Dartford area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 419469

**REMEMBER:** Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

**45** year old male, looking for a happy intelligent friendly female for company and evenings in or out, looks or race unimportant. Text only to Mailbox no: 506369

**JOHN**, 47, six foot two, well-built, handsome, non-smoker, intelligent and funny, doesn't take himself too seriously, easy to get along with, seeks attractive female, any age, for discreet, adventurous, any time fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 419461

**NICE** looking genuine man would like to meet nice lady any age for company, outings with GSOH. Text only to Mailbox no: 492239

**ANDREW**, 63, likes animals, walking, boot fares, shopping, looking for someone similar living in the Maidstone/Kent area, for possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 419203

**RICHARD** 59 from East Kent. WLTW genuine female 50 plus for friendship! Text only to Mailbox no: 4448765

**MALE** 56 yrs, GSOH, n/s, would like to meet a lady to have happy times, lots of love to give, to enjoy good times in and out. Text only to Mailbox No: 4181244

**MIKE** from Canterbury 57, medium build, GSOH, varied interests, sign language interpreter, seeks slim female, 21-42 for LTR. Single mum welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379673

**SINGLE** young lady, slim-medium build, 24-38 sought by mature male in Canterbury. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 405697

**MIKE** Canterbury mature male, seeks single mum/lady, 28-42, slim-medium build for loving, caring relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 415275

**69YR** old male, professional, 5ft 10ins, fit, medium build, young outlook, reliable, sincere, likes most things, seeks slim, slender, uncomplicated lady. Kent/Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418531



**WRITER** tall, slim, dark hair, generous, seeking broadminded lady for fun times. Any age/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 412749

**SUGAR** Daddy available! Mature, tall, slim, natural dark hair, seeks lady, age unimportant. Not afraid of commitment. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418889

**SIMON**, 50, actor, loves music, films, reading, writing, loopholes, ambiguity, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia, WLTW a pretty leggy female, 35 years plus for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418827

**Who's caught your eye?** Let them know you might be interested by sending them a WINK...

**Simply Text:** WINK 2 + Advt box no = 80098  
\*EG send WINK 123456 to 80098  
80098 costs £1.50 per message. To STOP text stop to 80098. Service provided by JMedia Ltd. LSW4 7BX. Need help? Call 0207 720 7130

**MALE** 57, seeking honest, reliable, genuine lady for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418535

**50YR** old divorced white male, passionate, strong, seeking caring lady for romantic, loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418641

**49YR** old male, 6ft, well built, seeks female to wine/dine and have fun with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390929

**48YR** old divorced male, 6ft, well built, seeks lady for fun and laughter. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380789

**VINCENT** 48, 6ft, well built, seeks lady for fun nights in and out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373797

**HAPPY** go lucky divorced man, 48, 6ft, well built, seeks gorgeous female to share love and laughs with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383719

Dates in **YOUR** region

Been left a message?  
**Pickup** your replies:

**0906 515 7114**  
calls cost £1.55 per min plus your phone company's access charge.

**MOBILE LOVE MATCH**  
WHY SIT ALONE THINKING "WHAT IF?"  
WHEN YOU COULD BE TEXTING PEOPLE LIKE YOU  
IN YOUR AREA WHO ARE WAITING FOR YOUR MSG!

**TEXT MATCH TO 89990**

JOIN OUR NEW MATCHMAKER SERVICE NOW!

CALL 0207 720 7130 Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm  
or email us at support@jmediauk.co.uk

## Gay Seeking

**REMEMBER:** Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

**SENIOR** bi male, 70s, n/s, clean-shaven, living in the Maidstone area, seeking similar bi male, aged 50-60, in the Maidstone area, for myself to give service to. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 420219

**JESSICA**, 53 yrs old, feminine, sexy, smooth body seeking gay or bi man for fun, must be non-smoker. Text only to Mailbox No: 4866072

**FEMININE**, sexy, cross-dresser, non-smoker, seeking cross-dresser or bi guy for fun. Must be non-smoker. Text only to Mailbox No: 4866072

**Follow us on twitter**  
@date24



# Writers Matt Haig and Nathan Filer talk about mental health

**REVIEW** Molly Kersey-Law

molly.kersey-law@archant.co.uk

**T**WO writers made their way to Folkestone to discuss mental illnesses and making the most of being alive.

With figures from charity Mind showing one in four people will experience a mental health problem each year, these are prominent and important issues.

Nathan Filer and Matt Haig have written about schizophrenia and depression.

They came to the Folkestone Quarterhouse during the Folkestone Book Festival - which began on November 21.

The talk was chaired by writer and actor Susanne Howard.

It was an interesting discussion, and one that was likely to have struck a chord with those who are suffering from mental health problems, or know someone who is.

Taking place on a rainy and wind-swept evening, the talk had a cosy atmosphere, with the stage being made to look something like a living room and the writers sitting on a sofa during the event.

The audience was regularly in-



**TALK:** Matt Haig and Nathan Filer came to the Folkestone Quarterhouse

vited to ask the writers questions throughout the talk.

Mr Filer won the Costa Book of the Year award in 2013 for *The Shock of the Fall*, which tells the story of a young boy with schizophrenia trying to come to terms with the loss of his brother.

He spoke about his character's mental illness affecting his view of the world, and how he says during the book: "This is with me all the

time and it's telling me things that aren't true."

Mr Haig also delves into this issue in *Reasons to Stay Alive* - where he shares his own experience of depression.

"The world view that depression gives you is a false one," he said.

"I was convinced I wouldn't live to be 25. I was convinced everything in my life would be on a downhill slope."

Speaking about writing the book, he said he was trying to find the words to get through to someone in the situation he had previously found himself in - standing on a cliff wanting to end his life.

Mr Haig's book shares a message of hope, with the promise that things can get better, which translates into the talk.

For details about the festival, visit [www.folkestonebookfest.com](http://www.folkestonebookfest.com).

## Simon and Garfunkel tunes

THE Simon and Garfunkel Story will be performed at the Theatre Royal Margate on February 6, 2016, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £17.50.

To book, visit [www.theatre-royalmargate.com](http://www.theatre-royalmargate.com).



## Dickens' work read aloud

A DRAMATIC reading from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and the *Pickwick Papers* will be carried out at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, on December 22.

Readings will take place at 2.30pm and 7.30pm and tickets are £8.

Call 01227 787787 to book.

## Chicago due in Dartford

MUSICAL *Chicago* will be performed at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, from February 29 to March 5 2016.

It stars *EastEnders* actor John Partridge as lawyer Billy Flynn.

To book, call 01322 220000.



## Paul Carrack up on stage

SINGER Paul Carrack will be performing at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on February 6 at 7.30pm.

The singer and songwriter is the former frontman of Ace, Squeeze and Mike and The Mechanics.

To book, call 01892 530613.

Hillside Interiors  
[www.hillsidekent.co.uk](http://www.hillsidekent.co.uk)

Fitted Bedrooms  
Sliding Door Wardrobes  
Dressing Rooms  
Home Office  
Free Standing Furniture

Sale starts 12 December

Our experience and expertise with fitted furniture means we can help you find the right system for you, be it a sleek contemporary Raumplus sliding door wardrobe or a home office that works for you.

Visit our  
showroom on  
the first floor of  
Lenleys

25-34 Roper Road  
Canterbury, Kent  
CT2 7EL

01227 379100  
[mail@hillsidekent.co.uk](mailto:mail@hillsidekent.co.uk)  
Hillside Interiors@HillsideKent





## Footloose due in Dartford

MAUREEN Nolan and Gareth Gates will be starring in Footloose The Musical at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, from February 8 to 13, 2016. To book, visit [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk).



## Festive Folkestone show

FESTIVE show So This Is Christmas will be performed at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, on December 19 at 7.30pm.

The show features 90s pop star Kavana and Holyoaks actress Gemma Merna.

For more information, visit [www.atgtickets.com/folkestone](http://www.atgtickets.com/folkestone).

## Level 42 back on stage

BAND Level 42 will be performing at Margate Winter Gardens on October 12, 2016, at 7.30pm.

Tickets to the show are £28.

You can visit [www.livenation.co.uk](http://www.livenation.co.uk) to book.



## Three Degrees perform

MUSICAL trio The Three Degrees will be performing at the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, on April 9 at 7.30pm.

The American group was formed in 1963 and their hits include When Will I See You Again and Take Good Care Of Yourself.

To book, visit [www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk](http://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk).

# A chance to relive the 'golden years' of Jackie

By Molly Kersey-Law

[molly.kersey-law@archant.co.uk](mailto:molly.kersey-law@archant.co.uk)

**A** MUSICAL reliving the 'golden years' of Jackie magazine will be making its way to Bromley.

Jackie The Musical will be performed on stage at the Churchill Theatre as part of its nationwide tour.

The show tells the story of a divorcee in her fifties, who revisits her stash of Jackie magazines to work out how to navigate the opposite sex.

Jackie magazine accompanied millions of girls through their teenage years in the 1970s and 80s - featuring a number of tips on things like how to iron your hair and advice from agony aunts Cathy and Claire.

The musical is written by Mike James, choreographed by former Strictly Come Dancing judge Arlene Phillips and supported by Jackie publishers DC Thomson.

It features a number of hits from the era - including songs from Donny Osmond, David Cassidy and Marc Bolan.



It will star Janet Dibley, who will play Jackie, Nicholas Bailey, who will play Max and Graham Bickley, who will take on the role of John.

Former magazine editor Nina Myskow, who will also be involved in the production, said: "I'm so proud to have been editor of Jackie in its golden years in the 70s.

"It always was a girl's best friend, but I could never have imagined then that its spirit of fun and warmth would live on to become a musical today.

"It's such a brilliant idea, and I'm absolutely thrilled that I'm going to be involved, all over again. How exciting.

"And I can't wait to see it, to hear the music, and to be transported back to a time when we were all young, and not just young at heart."

Jackie The Musical will be performed at the Churchill Theatre from March 22 to 26.

For more information or to book tickets to the show you can visit [www.atgtickets.com/bromley](http://www.atgtickets.com/bromley).



**MUSICAL:** Nicholas Bailey will play Max in the show



**PERFORMANCE:** Graham Bickley will take on the role of John

## TJ's E-Cigarettes

Chatham, Gravesend, Maidstone, Milton, Sheerness

**Experienced staff to help anyone from beginners to experienced vapers**

**We won't be beaten on price within a 10 mile radius, price match plus a further 5% off**

**TJ's E-Cigarettes Ltd**

129 High Street, Sheerness, Kent ME12 1UD • Telephone: 01795 668638  
 233 High Street, Chatham, Kent ME4 4BQ • Telephone: 01634 843020  
 6 Palace Avenue, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6NE • Telephone: 01622 670450  
 111b High Street, Milton, Kent ME10 2AR • Telephone: 01795 229116  
 33 High Street, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0AZ • Telephone: 01474 329742  
 E-Mail: [tjcgigs@outlook.com](mailto:tjcgigs@outlook.com)

RECEIVE 10% ONLINE DISCOUNT  
JUST QUOTE CODE KOS10

Find us on Facebook

Find our app on your app store

GET IT ON Google play

Available on the App Store

KITCHEN

**ANDY SHEPHERD**

DESIGNER LTD

SUPPLIERS AND INSTALLERS OF QUALITY:

- Kitchens
- Bedrooms
- Bathrooms

**Tel/Fax 01634 379423**  
[www.andyshepherdkitchens.co.uk](http://www.andyshepherdkitchens.co.uk)

**ANGEL FLEAMARKET**

Angel Centre, Tonbridge TN9 1SF  
 8am-1pm EVERY FRIDAY • FREE ADMISSION  
 Lots of vintage and retro bargains  
**01732 456196 • 07798876857**  
 email: [sue.carmichael@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.carmichael@btinternet.com)

*Treat someone special*

with a gift voucher from

subscriptionsave

Available in £5, £10, £25 and £50 denominations, Subscription Save vouchers can be redeemed online for any magazine subscription or single product purchase.

**www.subscriptionsave.co.uk/giftvoucher**

subscriptionsave.co.uk

The lowest prices on the magazines you love

**Wealden Hall**

London Road, Larkfield, Kent, ME20 6DE

Telephone: 01732 840259

[wealdenhall.larkfield@greeneking.co.uk](mailto:wealdenhall.larkfield@greeneking.co.uk)

Enjoy a **complimentary bottle of wine** with your Sunday roast when two dine.

Every Sunday throughout December when you order a Sunday roast.

Ts and Cs apply.

**Enquire now for Christmas**

**KINGSWOOD CHRISTMAS TREES**

Buy a first grade Christmas Tree direct from the Grower, cut or rooted - probably the best value trees and largest choice in Kent, including non-drop varieties, wreaths freshly made on site

Enjoy a drink by the fire

**£5 off a tree with this advert**  
**10% off with tree + stand + lights**  
**FREE kid's tree with every tree**

**NEW SEE OUR LIVE REINDEER DECORATIONS, LIGHTS, POTTS STANDS, MISTLETOE GIFT SHOP**

**SHOP OPEN DAILY 9AM-5PM**

**FREE SANTA'S GROTTO OPEN 9 - 4 WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER**

Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood, Maidstone, ME17 3NU  
**T 01622 843780 F 01622 843410 M 07802 269019**  
**E [letty.miller@btinternet.com](mailto:letty.miller@btinternet.com)**  
**[www.kingswoodchristmastrees.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodchristmastrees.co.uk)**  
 FOR MAP - SEE WEBSITE CC ACCEPTED

**TRADE ENQUIRIES WELCOME**

To advertise in this section

**01233 653465**



# Forgetting the faff and creating delicious meals

Lorraine Pascale tells **Gemma Dunn** about the release of her new book, containing fuss-free recipes

**S**IMPLICITY is key for Lorraine Pascale.

"It's the way I live and the way I eat," explains the chef, discussing her latest book, *Eating Well Made Easy*. "There's no faff - just chop it up and throw it in."

It's this understated approach to delivering uncomplicated, nutritious food that has seen the model-turned-TV-cook take the culinary world by storm; and when I turn up to play sous chef at her home in south-west London, the proof is in the pudding.

Looking far younger than her 43 years, Ms Pascale's off-screen demeanour is as fuss-free as her recipes. Dressed in jogging bottoms and a casual T-shirt, she looks every inch

the (admittedly quite glamorous) hombody - the only visible sign of her celeb status being a pair of studio lights in her kitchen, which are used to self-shoot her YouTube cooking channel.

"I've started doing it regularly; I'm full-time now and I'm focused," she says. "I only do two one-minute videos a week because I film and edit them myself."

Her latest venture, she tells me - while chopping tomatoes for her take on popular Mexican dish huevos rancheros - is all about providing fast, easy and affordable recipes for the busy mum/girlfriend/student etc. who wants to uphold a nutritious diet.

"I'm so passionate about it. Writing



**SIMPLICITY:** Lorraine Pascale

healthy recipes comes really easily to me," explains Ms Pascale, who reveals she pulled the book together in less than three months by using her familiar, classic plates and giving them a healthier twist.

Split across sections that include lazy brunches, weekday dinners and movie nights, the decadent book is designed to work for all budgets - and the best thing about it? You won't have to trek to mystical heights to retrieve rare ingredients you may never use again.

"I wanted to include recipes that are easy to follow. Most of the ingredients listed you can get from Tesco, Sainsbury's - local shops. That's what I was aiming for."

And one person she is hoping will

make use of the book is her 19-year-old daughter Ella, who left for university this September.

"She's just interested in carbs at the moment," says her mum, laughing. "I felt really guilty dropping her off when she's sat there eating a bowl of - overcooked - pasta. I might make some food and take it down to her..."

In the mean time, she's thinking bigger and working on a series of quick and easy student recipes for her YouTube channel; a go-to guide for those living on a budget.

"When I was living in a model flat, it was the same story. The beginning of the month was good, but after that, it would just be pasta - apart from Friday treat night at the fish and chip shop."

## Chris Ramsey on stage

**C**OMEDIAN Chris Ramsey will be bringing his stand up show to Folkestone next week.

Mr Ramsey will perform *All Grown Up* at the Folkestone Quarterhouse on Thursday (December 3).

The show will be starting at 8pm.

For more details, or to book tickets, visit [www.quarterhouse.co.uk](http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk) or call the box office on 01303 760750.

## Folk band in Chatham

**T**HE Bully Wee Band will be performing in Chatham next year.

The folk rock band - which formed in the 1970s and have played in venues around Europe and America - will be taking to the stage at the Central Theatre, Chatham, on January 14 at 8pm.

Tickets to the show are £12.90.

For further information or to book you can visit [www.medway.gov.uk/tickets](http://www.medway.gov.uk/tickets).

## Famous faces in panto

**P**ANTOMIME Peter Pan will be performed at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks.

The show will star Boyzone singer Shane Lynch and *EastEnders* actor Jamie Foreman. It will be running at the theatre from December 5 to January 10 2016.

Tickets are £23 or £19 with concessions.

To book you can visit [www.stagesevenoaks.co.uk](http://www.stagesevenoaks.co.uk).

## A mysterious inspector

**J**B Priestley's classic play *An Inspector Calls* will be performed in Canterbury.

The play tells the story of Inspector Goole, who pays a visit to the wealthy Birling family and investigates the death of a young woman.

It will be performed at the Marlowe Theatre from January 19 to 23, 2016, with performances at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

For details, visit [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com) or call 01227 787787.

2015/16  
**HALF-SEASON TICKETS  
ON SALE NOW**

**QUOTE CAFC3**  
AND RECEIVE 2014/15 SEASON DVD FREE

Adults from **£150**, over 65/U21s from **£120**, U18s from **£50**, U11s go **FREE** in the family stand  
**Call 03330 14 44 44\*\* or visit [www.cafc.co.uk/ticket](http://www.cafc.co.uk/ticket)**

For full terms and conditions please visit [www.cafc.co.uk](http://www.cafc.co.uk)  
\*Offer ends 5pm on Friday, December 11th, 2015. For full terms and conditions please visit [www.cafc.co.uk](http://www.cafc.co.uk) \*\*Calls to this number are charged at your standard local network rate



# Ruaha park is a roaring success

## TRAVEL REVIEW: Tanzania

by Sarah Marshall

**S**OUND travels through the air at a rate of 332 metres per second, but in the hot, dusty Tanzanian bush, it seems to move much faster.

The gruff barks of baboons combine force with the snorts of impala to create a sonic signpost leading us to a clearing. There sits a leopard, its jaws clinging to the neck of an impala, caught only seconds before.

The leopard's glassy eyes dart from right to left as he attempts to safeguard his prey. Two yapping black-backed jackals drive him away, and a pride of lions drawn to the commotion moves in to steal the feast.

It is true lions have a good foothold in Ruaha, the largest National Park in Tanzania and indeed East Africa; 10 per cent of Africa's population are believed to roam here. The sprawling wilderness, encompassing rivers, mountains, acacia forest and swamp-land, is also home to a myriad of predators and one of the biggest elephant gatherings in the continent.

Yet most of the park remains untouched. There are only seven tourist lodges occupying a game-rich five per cent of the 20,000km sq area.

Realising Ruaha's potential, the Asilia Africa safari group took over operation of the six-tent Kwihala safari bush camp earlier this year, and they now have plans to open an additional luxury lodge.

On my way to Kwihala, I pass a metal sign hanging above the park entrance, which seems to say it all: Discover the Undiscovered.

I'm visiting in October, when most of the dense foliage has disappeared, leaving a brittle skeleton of branches and twigs, through which game can be spied. Cartoonish baobab trees punctuate the landscape, some bul-



**CONSERVATION:** The Ruaha Carnivore Project is aiming to collect data on predators

bous and swollen, others gnawed like apple cores by hungry elephants.

We stop at the seasonal Mdonya River, now a dusty sand bed. Only clusters of towering date palms indicate water still flows below the ground, although a herd astute elephants, busy excavating the dust, has clearly cottoned on.

The possibilities for game viewing in Ruaha are undoubtedly rich, yet there's woefully little data about the

number of animals present. It's one of the reasons why Professor Amy Dickman started her Ruaha Carnivore Project (RCP) in 2009. The wildlife conservationist - whose work was applauded last year with a nomination for a prestigious Tusk Award for Conservation at a ceremony attended by Prince William - works with lodges in the park to collect data on predators.

Guides are given cameras to record sightings and, as an incentive to work

harder, after a year or 125 sightings, they're allowed to keep the kit.

Much of their work is focused on lions, a species seriously under threat.

"There are now fewer wild lions in Africa than rhinos," says Ms Dickman, quoting a current estimate of 20,000. "That fact is shocking to most people who just don't realise how sharply lion numbers have dropped in the past 20 years."

One of the biggest problems is com-

munity conflict, something I learn about when I visit the RCP camp. There are 22 villages close to the park with more than 40,000 residents, a mixture of Masai and Barabaig tribes, who are mainly pastoralists. Many have lost precious livestock to predators, and responded with retaliatory killings, often poisoning carcasses in the hope of preventing future attacks and as an act of angry retribution.

"It took a long time for us to gain the communities' trust," says Sonja Lipenga, Ms Dickman's second in command. Eventually a breakthrough came with mobile phones.

"We allowed people to charge their phones here for free and, while they were waiting, took the opportunity to discuss problems with livestock and predators."

RCP now assists villages with the construction of stronger enclosures for livestock, which have been almost 100 per cent successful, and offers tangible benefits of education and veterinary medicine, in exchange for co-operation. Engaging the support of communities is vital to the conservation of predators in Ruaha, and Dickman and her team are doing a fine job of strengthening links between people, wildlife and tourism.

## Film Reviews by Damon Smith



### **CAROL** (15, 119 mins) Romance/Drama

LOVE tears good people apart in Todd Haynes' masterful period drama based on the novel *The Price Of Salt* by Patricia Highsmith.

Elegantly adapted by Phyllis Nagy, Carol charts an unlikely romance between a shop girl and a

glamorous housewife against the backdrop of early 1950s New York.

Rooney Mara plays shrinking violet Therese Belivet, who works in the toy section of Frankenberg's department store. She has an adoring boyfriend, Richard, but her humdrum life lacks excitement until Carol Aird - played by Cate Blanchett - sashays into the store looking for a Christmas present.

The bond between them deepens, kindling a passionate affair, which forces Carol's estranged husband Harge to seek sole custody of their daughter Rindy. Best friend Abby is dragged into the acrimonious legal battle and Carol pleads with Harge to let go of her and his bitterness.

### **BLACK MASS** (15, 123 mins) Thriller/Drama

CRIME might pay for Johnny Depp who bids for a fourth Oscar

nomination with a tour-de-force portrayal of real-life mobster James 'Whitey' Bulger in Scott Cooper's stylish crime thriller.

Mark Mallouk and Jez Butterworth's script relishes scenes of Whitey terrorizing his victims while shortchanging arguably the most interesting relationship in the film: Whitey and his brother Billy.

John Connolly grew up with the Bulgers in South Boston and returns to the area in 1975 as an FBI agent under Charles McGuire.

The city is under the control of the Winter Hill Gang led by Whitey, right-hand thug Stephen Flemmi, hitman Johnny Martorano and heavy Kevin Weeks. Perversely, Whitey's brother Billy wields legitimate power as a Massachusetts state senator.

When gangland rivals, the Angiulo Brothers, who are connected to the New England Mafia, declare war on the Winter Hill



Gang, Connolly secretly contacts Whitey to persuade the kingpin to turn informant.

### **DOCTOR ZHIVAGO** (PG, 188 mins) Romance

A rerelease of David Lean's 1965 historical romance, based on the Boris Pasternak novel. Orphan Yuri Andreyevich Zhivago is raised by

his mother's friends - growing up with their daughter Tonya, who he eventually marries. He becomes a doctor and during the First World War tends to the injured on the battlefields. He meets a nurse called Lara, whose husband Pasha is missing in action. Yuri falls madly in love with Lara, but they remain faithful to their spouses against the backdrop of the conflict.



If you're trawling garden centres and nurseries looking for a real Christmas tree, there are certain things you have to bear in mind.

Size matters - it's no use trying to fit a wide, dense tree into a narrow space or hoping that a thinner tree will fill a huge space.

If you're on a budget, you may bag a bargain tree - Aldi will be selling Nordman firs up to 3ft 6in for £11.99 from December 6 and taller Nordmans - up to 5ft 9in - for £19.99, against steeper prices from higher end retailers.

If you're worried about the carbon footprint and imported trees, you may be better off going to members of the British Christmas Tree Growers' Association for a tree grown in the UK. Visit them at [www.bctga.co.uk](http://www.bctga.co.uk).

Wyevale Garden Centres also sources the vast majority of its trees from the British Isles. Find out more at [www.wyevalegardencentres.co.uk](http://www.wyevalegardencentres.co.uk)

"The Nordman Fir is our most popular tree and is much more needle-fast with attractive dark colouration," said David Mitchell, plant buyer with the group.

"Those looking for something more exclusive and unusual may go for the Fraser and Noble firs which have an almost conical shape, tasteful blue or olive green colours and both with very dense, highly scented foliage."

There's been a trend towards 'Swedish-style' trees that have a much more open structure where you can visibly see the layers and lay



**FESTIVE:** There are certain things to bear in mind when choosing your tree

## Pick a perfect Christmas tree

decorations right into the centre.

"This does come in at a lower price point but is by no means a lower-quality tree - it follows the trend for a more modern Christmas tree that suits minimalistic and contemporary spaces and modern decoration themes," said Mr Mitchell.

The traditional Norway spruce is less popular but is cheaper, smells

good and represents the classic idea of a Christmas tree from childhood. The blue spruce is all about the colour and is ideal as a pot-grown tree, to be kept after the festivities.

Mr Mitchell offered top tips including choosing a tree that isn't pre-wrapped in netting, so you can really see the shape and the branches won't permanently be stuck upright.

Plus, if trees are left in the net, air is not able to circulate, the tree warms up and a micro-climate forms. This leads to the tree beginning to decompose and needles will drop at a much quicker rate.

The colour of the needles should be dark green, not pale and washed out, and needles should feel waxy to the touch and not dry. Try stroking the

tree and seeing if needles come off.

Some people prefer a full dense tree, others opt for a more open shape but in general, the tree should be evenly proportioned, not too dense at the bottom or sparse at the top or have gaping holes. Make sure you look around the whole tree for these.

As well as this, don't wait until the last minute to purchase your tree.

# New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Party 2015

*with the return of:* **The Vintage Corporation**  
**Top 60s 70s Band**



[www.TheVintageCorporation.co.uk](http://www.TheVintageCorporation.co.uk)

**Tickets  
Only  
£12.00**

**Groups  
of 10+  
£10.00**

£15 at the door

- Live Band
- Disco
- Dance Floor
- Licenced Bar
- All Ages Welcome
- Under 11's Half Price

**Hawkinge Community Centre**

Heron Forstal Avenue, Hawkinge, Kent CT18 7FP

**Box Office: 01233 733933 - 01303 894 857**  
or buy tickets from Hawkinge Community Centre

Bring your own food & snacks. All drinks must be purchased from the bar.



## PRIORITY SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM



Archant Community Media Ltd, FREEPOST  
LE6423, Leicester, LE87 9BY, UK

### YOUR DETAILS (mandatory to complete)

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First name	Surname
Address		
Postcode		
Telephone	Mobile	
Email*		

\*Please enter this information so that we can keep you up-to-date with important information about your subscription and exclusive offers that we think you'll enjoy. You can unsubscribe from these messages at any time.

### GIFT RECIPIENT DETAILS (if giving as a gift)

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First name	Surname
Address		
Postcode		

### SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS

For two or more subscriptions, SAVING an extra £5, please order online or call (details on opposite page)

REGIONAL	Direct Debit every 6 months	Direct Debit annually	Credit/Debit card or cheque	DELIVERED TO: Myself	Recipient
<b>Published 12 times a year:</b>					
Berkshire Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckinghamshire Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheshire Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cornwall Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Derbyshire Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorset Magazine	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Essex Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hampshire Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hertfordshire Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lancashire Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Let's Talk	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> £16.00	<input type="checkbox"/> £18.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EDP Norfolk	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Somerset Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EADT Suffolk	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surrey Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sussex Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yorkshire Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £10.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £21.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Published 13 times a year:</b>					
Cotswold Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £11.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £23.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £28.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Devon Life	<input type="checkbox"/> £11.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £23.99	<input type="checkbox"/> £28.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### PAYMENT METHOD:

#### 1. DIRECT DEBIT Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit

Service User Number	Reference (office use only)	
415266		

☐ Please start a subscription(s) by Direct Debit to the magazine as indicated above

Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society branch

To the manager (Bank name)

Address

Postcode

Name(s) of account holder(s)

Branch sort code

Bank/Building Society number

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society. Please pay Archant Community Media Ltd Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction, subject to safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that the instruction may remain with Archant Community Media Ltd and if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank or Building Society.

Signature

Date

YOU MAY CANCEL THE DIRECT DEBIT AT ANY TIME AFTER THE FIRST PAYMENT IS TAKEN. Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are ordering more than one Direct Debit subscription they will be taken as a separate Direct Debit payment for each subscription**

#### 2. CREDIT/DEBIT CARD OR CHEQUE

☐ Please find enclosed a cheque made payable to Archant Community Media Ltd for £

☐ Please debit my credit/debit card the sum of £

Card no

Start Date

Expiry Date

Issue No (Mastro only)

Signature

Date

Archant Community Media Ltd, the publishers, would like to keep in touch, from acknowledging receipt of your order efficiently to sending you details of exclusive offers.

Please tick here if you would rather not hear from us by post ☐ or phone ☐.

We've teamed up with some great partners who would like to contact you occasionally but if you would prefer not to receive these messages tick here for post ☐ and phone ☐.

If you'd like to hear from them by email tick here ☐ or SMS tick here ☐.

Lines are open 8am - 9.30pm Mon to Fri, 8am - 4pm Sat, BT calls to 0944 cost no more than 5p/min plus a 15p call set up fee, calls from mobiles usually cost more. T&Cs: Gift subscriptions start with the first issue published in 2016. Your gift card will be sent to you once the order has been processed, for you to give on Christmas day. Order two or more subscriptions and save £2.50 off each subscription. We must receive your order by 05/12/15 to guarantee you will receive your gift card before Christmas. Personal orders will start with the next available issue, unless stated otherwise. FREE UK delivery. Direct Debit is a UK only offer. Please call +44 (0)1858 438840 for overseas delivery rates. Offer ends 31/12/15.

## CHOOSE FROM OVER 30 MAGAZINES

Visit [subscriptionsave.co.uk/xken](http://subscriptionsave.co.uk/xken) to see the full range



**SAVE £5**  
when you order two subscriptions

## GREAT REASONS TO SUBSCRIBE

- ★ SAVE 44% by Direct Debit - from just £10.99 every six months
- ★ Or choose credit/debit card for just £26.99 for 12 issues and SAVE 31%
- ★ Receive a gift card with every order for you to give at Christmas

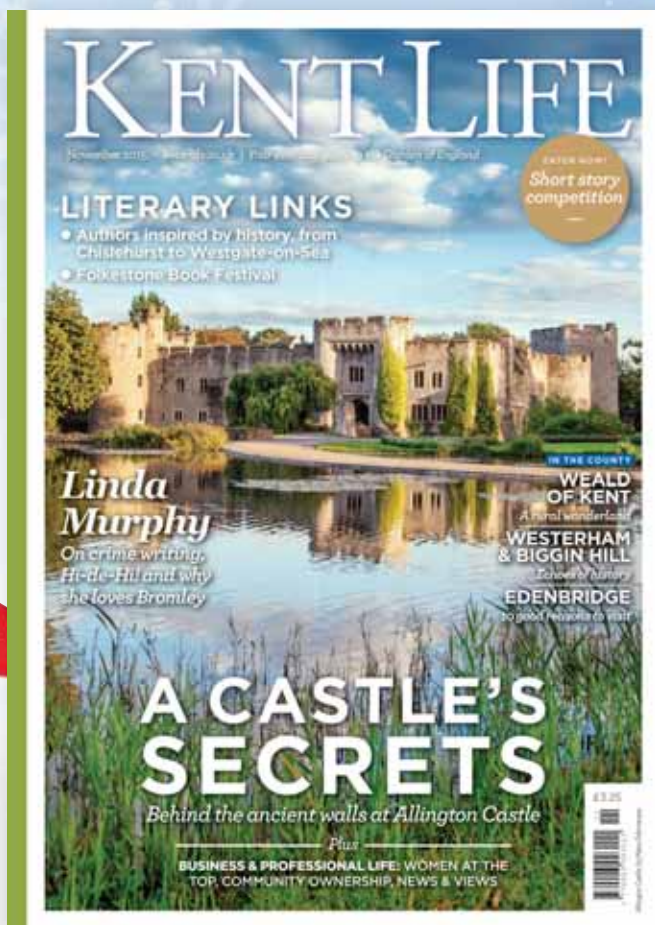




# The perfect gift

*from just* **£10.99**

Treat a loved one this Christmas to a subscription. Each issue is delivered to their door – a reminder of your generosity every month!



**SAVE** up  
to **44%**  
12 issues a year

## EASY WAYS TO ORDER

[www.subscriptionsave.co.uk/XNEWS](http://www.subscriptionsave.co.uk/XNEWS)

0844 848 4211 quoting LMMXNPF1



Send us your views.  
**Write to:** Kent House,  
 81 Station Road, Ashford,  
 TN23 1PP  
**Email:**  
 editorial@kosmedia.co.uk  
**Twitter:**  
 @kosmedia

Please include your name and address, although these will be withheld in exceptional circumstances, and a daytime phone number for verification (this will not be published). We reserve the right to edit all letters.

## Manston is not supported by all

VERY well said Pauline Hayfield and P Lloyd (Letters, last week); you have hit both nails on the head in one strike.

Those who are against Manston Airport have not done their homework.

For the record, I admit being biased, having worked there just a few weeks short of 30 years.

Those who are anti Manston Airport seem to have forgotten that the desire of the majority of residents here are in favour of it being re-opened. Polls proved that.

We lived at one time in Duncan Road, Ramsgate, and the aircraft flew directly over our house and (according to wind direction), on landing approach and on take off climb out. The 'terrible noise', as some put it, lasted a few seconds.

For a good number of years now, the noisy Russian cargo aircraft have not been allowed in UK airspace.

The rubbish written by J Baxter is beyond belief. Manston is in exactly the right place for just about every reason.

There has never been any hint of night flights. There have been times when an inbound aircraft has been delayed en route for some reason, and cannot land during the agreed times.

These are the only times when 'out of hours' landing times have been permitted in the past and would only be permitted in the future'. An aircraft cannot stop mid air and wait for a convenient time to land.

**John Sherwell,**  
via email

## Grammar tale doesn't add up

COLIN Bullen (KoS, 22.11) is critical of Mr Webb's assertion that grammar schools are detrimental to social mobility. Mr Webb is correct.

Research has continually shown that separating children by ability has a negative impact on social mobility.

Mr Bullen's experience of an almost entirely working class grammar school could be correct – I say could, as the historical evidence is that if this was the case, it is highly unlikely. If he was one of the very few who attended a grammar school with a high proportion of working class pupils he avoids two very important and I imagine for him, uncomfortable truths.

The first relates to the date he

## LETTER OF THE WEEK



## Now is not the time for us to bomb Syria

IT does seem from last week's Kent on Sunday (Is now the time for RAF to join battle in Syria?) that following the bomb on a Russian jet in Sinai and the massacres in Paris and Mali everyone wants to begin bombing Syria.

All the Conservative MPs for Kent certainly do.

They are running about and boasting how tough we are going to be and how we can stop these merciless killers, who call themselves Islamic, by dropping bombs in the desert, or what is worse, dropping bombs on towns already decimated by French, Russian and US planes and drones.

In a situation like this it is always worth remembering Rudyard Kipling's advice: "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you, you'll be a man, my son."

Because there is a whiff of panic

in all this.

It seems otherwise quite sophisticated people are losing their heads, unable to think through what we might be able to do yet convinced we must do something.

Remember Vietnam where tons of bombs were dropped on the jungle, or the thousands of bomber raids in the Second World War? It seems to me we are fighting the last war and the one before that.

The irony is that the prime minister David Cameron wanted to bomb Syria some while ago and was refused a majority in parliament, but now he has come back because he reckons he can get a majority so as to bomb - the other side!

What's going on?

Do we just want to drop bombs on someone far away so as to take our minds off tax credit cuts?

**Derek Munton**  
Rochester

the nation's population.

The second uncomfortable truth relates to Mr Bullen's comments that 'none of us were unfairly selected' and that selection at 11 is a 'level playing field'. Selection at 11 will always be unfair as testing favours the middle and upper classes, it is also an absurd and illogical assumption to suggest that intellectual ability, even for the successful working-class children, is fixed from the age of 11.

Oddly, Mr Bullen ends by attacking the aspiration that more working-class students (I assume this as he attacks 'poor secondary

schools') are being given the opportunity to study at university. Make your mind up Mr Bullen and provide the readers with a coherent argument that is based on evidence and not a perverse value system that sees the equality of opportunity for all as undesirable.

**Alan Bainbridge,**  
Whitstable

## We must protect our services

OUR Garden of England is coming under more and more pressure. Our local budgets financing 'essential services' are centred on our town and county halls – these budgets are susceptible to George Osborne balancing national books.

But with the ring-fenced departments, local government budgets appear certain to be reduced again with horrifying results to our local services.

Our whole maintenance infrastructure budget may well collapse and we should be prepared for many more of our unfortunate residents resorting to sleeping on the streets and begging.

What upsets many is that .07 per cent of GDP is being spent on international aid – 50 per cent of which never gets to the needy but is swallowed in outrageous administration. Surely "charity begins at home" and our vital services should be well funded especially during this crisis and festive period.

**Edward La Coste,**  
Lamberhurst

## Ban parking on others' drives

I DO not drive myself, partly from choice for, sooner or later, some of us must make a gesture in expiation of our guilt for climate change. But there are times when I feel I've bought an expensive house to provide free parking for strangers.

There are neighbours with three and four-car families who never dream of opening their garage doors. And there are others with excessively large cars with no garage at all.

To the familiar complaint of "I've got nowhere else to put it", my reply is: "That is your problem - it should not be mine."

Sooner rather than later the government must bit the bullet and tackle those who park indiscriminately - it should never be legal to park outside someone else's home.

**John Groves,**  
Walmer

## KOS 10 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AS part of our commitment to providing the best service to you, we have produced our 10 guiding principles

**Kent on Sunday will:**

- 1) Be available in every postcode in Kent.
- 2) Be fair, accurate and balanced.
- 3) Be written in clear, concise English.
- 4) Not be overly sensational.
- 5) Have a sense of humour.
- 6) Have an easily understood division between news, comment and advertising.
- 7) Seek to celebrate as well as constructively criticise.
- 8) Highlight topical issues of concern to

people living in the county.

9) Spotlight individual cases which raise broader concerns.

10) Champion causes that it feels are important to the well-being of the county and its people.

**We hope you enjoy Kent on Sunday.**





## Hares on Elmley Marshes, Sheppey

by **John Hunt, Hawkhurst**

To see your photograph printed, email [editorial@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:editorial@kosmedia.co.uk), or post it to **Archant KOS Media, Images of Kent, Kent House, 81 Station Road, Ashford, TN23 1PP**. Be sure to include your name, address and a contact telephone number. Unfortunately we cannot return any prints, and please do not send negatives. Note: all digital images must be no less than 200dpi. Please note, our relationship with MyFerryLink has now come to an end. We thank them for their long support.

## GREAT BRITISH LIFE



Traditional Father Christmas mugs from £12.95

Personalised Christmas Eve plate £15.99

Novelty Santa's key £10.00

Christmas is ...  
waiting for  
sleigh bells

Shop British this Christmas at  
[greatbritishlife.co.uk](http://greatbritishlife.co.uk)



By Steve Loader  
editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

» Read more of Steve's  
motoring reviews in...

KENT LIFE

» For more cars visit

drive24.co.uk

Powered by **MOTORS**  
Search Smart. Buy Right. [co.uk](http://co.uk)



**FOURTH GENERATION:**  
The new Lexus RX offers re-tuned suspension and better, more desirable looks

## Rock star style but less rock 'n' roll

**FIRST DRIVE:** Always a technical tour de force, the all-new Lexus RX aims to be both style icon and driver pleaser this time...

**T**HERE'S more than intent in the aggressive looks of the fourth generation Lexus RX.

There's action too in the form of a retuned suspension as standard, plus Adaptive Variable Suspension on F Sport and Premier variants, to further increase comfort and driver rewards.

New construction techniques mean the body is also more rigid this time; Toyota's premium arm says it wants to put an end to rock 'n' roll on the road, though not from the sound system.

Where adaptive suspension is fitted, the car automatically adjusts the shock absorbers in response to road quality and driver inputs, meaning more comfort on winter-battered roads and a flatter cornering stance.

The stiffened body assists here too, while boosting cabin refinement and crash protection.

In addition, the RX now looks far more desirable after a succession of so-so designs, having gained the deeper corporate grille now prevalent across the Lexus range, while also looking like the big brother to the racy yet chunky NX model – as it should.

Power comes from a petrol-electric hybrid system that has always been a strength of the RX, on the basis that bigger cars are better able to accommodate and make the most of a dual powertrain plus attendant fuel



tank and battery pack.

Prices are to be confirmed, but expect them to echo the high specifications, value and cabin comfort of the previous RX line-up, which started at around £40,000.

This new RX should be a breakthrough model: the looks of the smaller NX have already

made industry watchers re-appraise a brand able to scare dominant German rivals through its hybrid technology – especially so now, as diesel takes a PR battering – but has so far lacked the driver pleasing dynamics and snob value of the likes of BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Audi.

North & West

[kent-life.co.uk](http://kent-life.co.uk) [kentnews.co.uk](http://kentnews.co.uk)



# A Subaru – but not as we know it

Japan's all-wheel drive star strayed from the rugged path to produce a sporting gem – the BRZ – a secret all too well-kept, writes **Steve Loader...**

**S**UBARU once seemed like a brand having its cake and eating it.

On one hand, it thrived by selling smart yet rugged all-wheel drive estates like the Legacy, Outback, and original Forester.

On the other, was the snorting all-wheel drive rally heritage Impreza series.

Both sets of customers co-existed happily until the former became aware of the other's chavvy penchant for Burberry baseball caps and gold alloys.

With that – and rocky years with the Yen riding high against Sterling – Subaru lost ground.

A shame when one of the brand's current gems is the BRZ, a classic rear-driven sports coupe with oodles of entertainment yet, seemingly, one of the motor market's best kept secrets.

OK, it's not typical of Japan's all-wheel drive guru brand, but when world No1 carmaker, Toyota, hold a 16.5 per cent share in your parent company Fuji Heavy Industries and wants help making a sports car, you tend to nod and shout 'Hai!' in accepted Japanese fashion.

You can see Toyota's gain, having



lost its way after affordable halo cars like the Celica, Supra and MR2, but it doesn't fit with what Subaru has produced before.

Toyota contributed design leadership and new direct petrol injection technology, allowing an impressive non-turbocharged 197bhp output from two litres.

Subaru supplied the platform and

trademark boxer (horizontally-opposed) engine, allowing an ultra-low profile and superb balance, encouraging keen drivers to gently drift the back end when cornering with traction control off.

The resulting car – launched in 2012 as the Toyota GT86 and Subaru BRZ – offers the affordable sporting fun previously owned by

Mazda's MX-5 roadster.

Concentrating on the BRZ, there is one engine and effectively two models: the SE and slightly better spec'd SE Lux tested here, unless you crave one with a six-speed auto (£1,500 extra) rather than the slick-flicking six-speed manual 'box.

Going auto seems bonkers though, when you have one of the finest

## Subaru

### BRZ 2.0 SE Lux

Price: from £23,995

Driving appeal: ★★★★★

Image: ★★★★★

Space: ★★

Value: ★★★★★

Running costs: ★★★★★

How green?: ★★★

Best rival: Toyota GT86

sports cars for the money, and the auto wastes nearly a second on the 7.6-second 0-62mph sprint.

Go manual and you have one of the finest sports cars for the money and a cabin with retro charm and alloy finish pedals.

Cabin stowage is minimalist, but there's a good boot even if the aperture is narrow.

Front seats are well-shaped with two heavily-bucketed ones in the back; you could carry four adults at a pinch, but the BRZ is more 2+2.

There have been whinges that the engine is neither turbocharged nor sounds beefy, but it revs sweetly and distinctively once into its stride above 4,000 revs.

Manoeuvrability is the key to the car's appeal though, helped by narrow wheels and tyres; scaling them up would surely lower the fun factor.

Go on then,  
it is Christmas.



**RENAULT**  
Passion for life



Buy now, don't make the first monthly finance payment until February 2016. **5.9% APR** representative

The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the cars shown are: urban 47.1 (6)–83.1 (3.4); extra-urban 62.8 (4.5)–91.1 (3.1); combined 55.4 (5.1)–88.3 (3.2). The official CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 114–84g/km. EU Directive and Regulation 692/2008 test environment figures. Fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> may vary with driving styles, road conditions and other factors.

Finance provided by Renault Finance, PO Box 149, Watford, WD17 1FJ. Subject to status. Indemnities may be required. UK residents only (excludes Channel Islands). Over 18s. Terms and conditions apply. Based on 6,000 miles per annum, excess mileage 8p per mile inc. VAT. \*Initial deposit payment, required followed by 45 monthly payments after the deferred period. Offer cannot be used with other schemes or finance offers, and is available on selected vehicles from existing stock when ordered and registered between 19 November and 31 December 2015

#### MOTORLINE MAIDSTONE

Bircholt Road, Parkwood  
Maidstone ME15 9XY  
Tel 01622 616422

#### MOTORLINE CANTERBURY

Westminster Road  
Canterbury CT1 1YY  
Tel 01227 389706

#### MOTORLINE ASHFORD

Hilton Road  
Ashford TN23 1EW  
Tel 01233 215630

[www.motorline.co.uk/renault](http://www.motorline.co.uk/renault)

**Book a test-drive**

Week ending November 29, 2015 **61**





UNTIL 19 DECEMBER

IT DOESN'T HAVE  
TO BE **BLACK.**  
AND IT DOESN'T  
HAVE TO BE **FRIDAY.**



**RENEGADE. DON'T FOLLOW THE CROWD,  
FOLLOW YOUR INSTINCTS.**

Save £750\* during the Black Friday Sales Event  
only until 19 December 2015.

[jeep.co.uk/blackfriday](http://jeep.co.uk/blackfriday)

<b>£169</b>	<b>£1,500</b>	<b>0% APR</b>
Per Month*	Jeep Deposit Contribution*	Representative*

Thames Motor Group Tunbridge Wells,  
Longfield Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 3EY.  
Tel: 01892 549766 [www.thamesmotorgroup.co.uk](http://www.thamesmotorgroup.co.uk)

Model shown Jeep Renegade 1.4 MultiAir II 140hp Longitude 4x2 Manual at £20,395 OTR. OFFICIAL FUEL CONSUMPTION FIGURES FOR JEEP RENEGADE RANGE MPG (L/100KM): EXTRA URBAN 47.9 (5.9) – 70.6 (4.0), URBAN 32.5 (8.7) – 55.4 (5.1), COMBINED 40.9 (6.9) – 64.2 (4.4), CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS: 160 – 115 G/KM.

Fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> figures are obtained for comparative purposes in accordance with EC directives/regulations and may not be representative of real-life driving conditions. Promotion available on new Renegade models registered between 23rd November and 19th December 2015. \*Saving applied to reduce monthly payments to £169. \*Customer deposit is £3,996. Jeep deposit is £1,500. Total deposit £5,486. Optional final payment £10,277. Contract term is 24 months. Jeep Deposit Contribution only available in conjunction with Jeep Horizon PCP or Jeep Hire Purchase. With Jeep Horizon you have the option to return the vehicle and not pay the final payment, subject to the vehicle not having exceeded an agreed annual mileage (a charge of 6p per mile for exceeding 10,000 miles per annum in this example) and being in good condition. Finance subject to status. Guarantees may be required. Terms and Conditions apply. At participating Dealers only and on selected stock vehicles. Jeep Financial Services, PO BOX 4465, Slough, SL1 0RW. Jeep is a registered trademark of FCA US LLC.



# 4x4

## Buyer's GUIDE:

By Steve Loader

## El Nino's wrath may drive 4x4 sales

**F**ORECASTERS warn that the notorious climate phenomenon El Nino – 'the kid' that likes to mess up British winters – should play a part in bitter weather coming soon.

So it's no wonder that the traditional four-wheel drive vehicle buying season looms larger than usual.

The market sector also has a spring in its step these days: 'funky chunky' off-road, sports utility vehicle (SUV), and crossover looks are all the rage after a bad spell several years ago when they were portrayed as wasteful gas guzzlers.

As the 2007 recession hit – a financial El Nino – they went from being the fashionable darlings of city dwellers who liked to suggest that they were country people, to

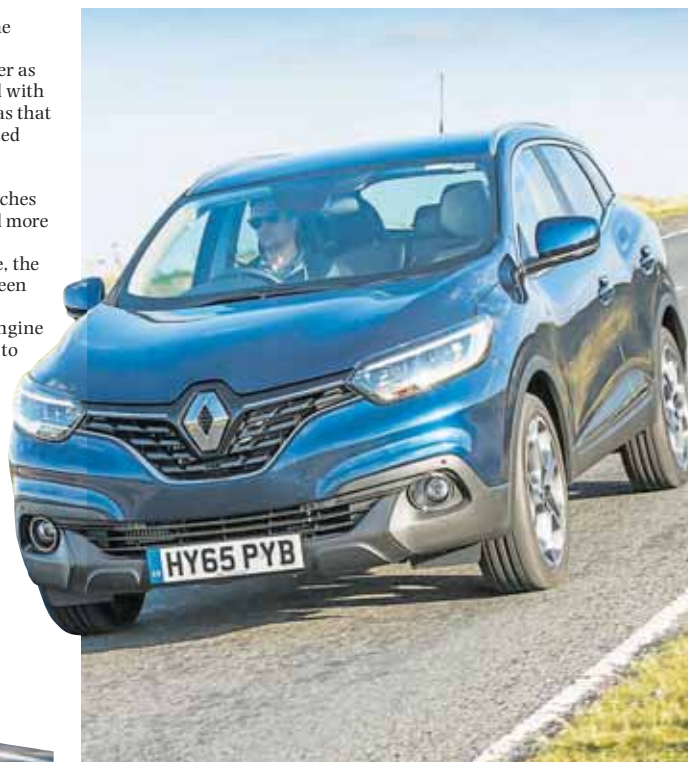
becoming the villains of the piece.

But even 4x4s got greener as the buying public grappled with its eco-conscience as well as that other eco – economy – forced upon us all by recession.

And now the market is booming, with model launches dominated by the type and more to come in 2016.

Behind the trendy image, the keys to this success have been weight-saving design and materials, plus the latest engine technology, all combining to drive down running costs – many so-called 4x4s or SUVs are not even four-wheel drive any more.

So read our special section to find out more about 4x4s and SUVs and, which ones may suit your needs.



**FUNKY CHUNKY STARS:** the Land Rover Discovery Sport and Renault's all-new Kadjar crossover

## THE KIA SUV RANGE

### NOW WITH UP TO £1,250 DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION

kia.co.uk

**4.9% APR**  
REPRESENTATIVE



#### Sorento 'KX-1' 2.2 CRDi personal contract purchase representative example

36 monthly payments	£269.00
Kia deposit contribution	£1,250.00
Customer deposit	£7,230.30
Offer price	£28,795.00
Optional final payment	£13,109.12
Amount of credit	£20,314.70
Interest charges	£2,478.42
Total amount payable	£31,273.42

Miles per annum	11,000
Excess mileage charge	14.9p
Duration of agreement	37 months
Fixed rate of interest	2.52%
<b>APR Representative</b>	<b>4.9%</b>

#### Sportage 'Axis Edition' 1.6 GDi personal contract purchase finance example

36 monthly payments	£225.00
Kia deposit contribution	£1,200.00
Customer deposit	£5,535.00
On the road price	£20,995.00
Optional final payment	£7,798.75
Amount of credit	£14,260.00
Interest charges	£1,638.75
Total amount payable	£22,633.75

Miles per annum	11,000
Excess mileage charge	14.9p
Duration of agreement	37 months
Fixed rate of interest	2.52%
<b>APR</b>	<b>4.9%</b>



**Canterbury Kia** Vauxhall Road, Canterbury, CT1 1QY 01227 208920 [www.canterbury-kia.co.uk](http://www.canterbury-kia.co.uk)  
**Harbour Garage** Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ 01227 261477 [www.harbourgarage.com](http://www.harbourgarage.com)

The Power to Surprise



Fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the all-new Kia Soul are: Urban 31.0 (9.1) – 46.3 (6.1), Extra Urban 44.8 (6.3) – 64.2 (4.4), Combined 38.7 (7.3) – 56.5 (5.0). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 170 – 132 g/km. MPG figures are official EU test figures for comparative purposes and may not reflect real driving results. Retail sales only. Subject to availability on vehicles registered between 1st October and 30th November 2015. You will not own the vehicle until all payments are made. T&Cs apply. Subject to status, 18's or over. Guarantee/Indemnity may be required. Kia Motors Finance, RH1 1SR. At the end of the agreement there are 3 options: (i) Renew: Part exchange the vehicle, (ii) Retain: Pay the Optional Final Payment to own the vehicle or (iii) Return the vehicle. Further charges may be made subject to the condition or mileage of the vehicle.



# All-New Renault KADJAR

Start living

With touchscreen navigation

**5.9% APR** From **£269** | **£269**  
representative per month deposit



**RENAULT**  
Passion for life



5-star Euro NCAP rating

The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the All-New Renault KADJAR Dynamique Nav TCe 130 are: urban 41.5 (6.8); extra-urban 57.7 (4.9); combined 50.4 (5.6). The official CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 126g/km. EU Directive and Regulation 692/2008 test environment figures. Fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> may vary according to driving styles, road conditions and other factors.

Finance provided by Renault Finance, PO Box 149, Watford WD17 1FJ. Subject to status. Indemnities may be required. UK resident (excludes Channel Islands). Over 18s. Terms and conditions apply. We may introduce you to other finance providers. Offer based on 6,000 miles per annum, excess mileage 8p per mile inc VAT. Offers cannot be used with other schemes or finance offers and are available on featured new vehicle when ordered by 31 December 2015 and registered by 31 March 2016. KADJAR shown has optional Flame Red Renault i.d. metallic paint, available at an additional £625.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE KADJAR Dynamique Nav TCe 130

48 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF	CUSTOMER DEPOSIT	CASH PRICE	DEALER DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT	FINANCE FACILITY FEE	OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT	OPTION TO PURCHASE FEE	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	DURATION	FIXED INTEREST RATE P.A.	5.9% APR REPRESENTATIVE
£269	£269	£19,695	£510	£18,916	£99	£9,085	£149	£23,024	48 months	5.46%	

### MOTORLINE MAIDSTONE

Bircholt Road, Parkwood  
Maidstone ME15 9XY  
Tel 0844 822 7112

### MOTORLINE CANTERBURY

Westminster Road  
Canterbury CT1 1YY  
Tel 0844 822 7100

### MOTORLINE ASHFORD

Hilton Road  
Ashford TN23 1EW  
Tel 0844 822 7094

[www.motorline.co.uk/renault](http://www.motorline.co.uk/renault)



# Joy. It isn't complicated.



Like an extra **£300** off selected vehicles from 19-30 November. While stocks last.

You do the maths



**DACIA**  
GROUP Renault

### MOTORLINE MAIDSTONE

BIRCHOLT ROAD ME15 9XY  
TEL 0844 822 7112

### MOTORLINE CANTERBURY

WESTMINSTER ROAD CT1 1YY  
TEL 0844 822 7100

### MOTORLINE ASHFORD

HILTON ROAD TN23 1EW  
TEL 0844 822 7094

[WWW.MOTORLINE.CO.UK/DACIA](http://WWW.MOTORLINE.CO.UK/DACIA)

The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the cars shown are: urban 37.2 (7.6)-65.7 (4.3); extra-urban 57.7 (4.9)-80.7 (3.5); combined 48.7 (5.8)-74.3 (3.8). The official CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 135-99g/km. EU Directive and Regulation 692/2008 test environment figures. Fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> may vary with driving styles, road conditions and other factors.

An extra £300 (including VAT) is available to retail customers only on selected new vehicles (limited to specific Sandero, Sandero Stepway, Logan MCV and Duster models) available from existing stock. This offer is available in addition to all existing offers but vehicle numbers are strictly limited and are subject to availability. Offer applies to new cars when ordered and registered between 19 and 30 November 2015. Contact your local dealer for details.



# Do I really need a 'Full Monty' 4x4...?

**G**OING 4x4 is a no-brainer if you work on a farm, work on or visit construction sites, or live in a rural area where mud, ice and snow can bog you down.

Some would-be buyers also need a 4x4 for towing; these can pull greater weights and all-wheel drive is a major reassurance when doing so.

On the other hand, they are not a cheap option if you rarely need the full 4x4 potential, which is why smaller and less expensive SUVs (sports utility vehicles) have evolved.

These deliver all the image and often just as much space as a top grade 4x4, but are less costly to run, being lighter and usually equipped with an automatic all-wheel drive system that mostly runs in front-wheel drive, either by manual selection or by an automatic function – the latter diverts more power and grip to the rear wheels if onboard sensors decide that help is needed.

Then you must decide on the powertrain; diesel is the preferred choice as it gives good low down power when a 4x4 needs it – in other words, when the going gets tough.

It's also better for fuel and emissions, but diesels can cost more upfront than

petrol models, so you need to cover more miles to recoup the extra outlay via fuel savings.

Another question is: how many seats? Some models offer five or seven and best advice is to go for the latter if you can afford it, as there will always be a time when you need those extra seats.

Seven-seaters also tend to depreciate less as there is more secondhand demand.

In addition, cars designed to hold up to seven, are almost certain to have more load space too, but this means they may be bulkier than you need; for many people the attraction of modern SUVs is getting the 4x4 look without having to worry about parking at the supermarket.



**4X4 DASH FOR LESS CASH:** Kia's luxurious and versatile Sorento and the off-roading bargain that is the Dacia Duster

## NEW DISCOVERY SPORT

**THE INACCESSIBLE  
JUST BECAME A LOT  
MORE ACCESSIBLE**



**ABOVE & BEYOND**



Meet the New Discovery Sport – the ultimate family car. The interior has flexible 5+2 seating and there's enough load space for a day out, or a week away.

New Discovery Sport features all-new safety technologies, such as Pedestrian Airbag and Autonomous Emergency Braking System, helping it achieve a maximum five star safety rating from Euro NCAP.

Call today to find out more.

**Barretts Land Rover Canterbury**  
Broad Oak Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 7PQ  
01227 475475

[www.barretts.canterbury.landrover.co.uk](http://www.barretts.canterbury.landrover.co.uk)

Official Fuel Consumption Figures for the New Discovery Sport range in mpg (l/100km): Urban 44.1 (6.4) – 50.4 (5.6), Extra Urban 60.1 (4.7) – 62.8 (4.5), Combined 53.3 (5.3) – 57.7 (4.9), CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 139 – 129 g/km. The figures provided are as a result of official manufacturer's tests in accordance with EU legislation. A vehicle's actual fuel consumption may differ from that achieved in such tests and these figures are for comparative purposes only.



# Motability

By Steve Loader

## Mobilise with Motability

**D**ISABLED people and their families have had their lives revolutionised by the Government-backed Motability scheme.

This enables them to get on the road for much less than it would cost to buy or lease a new or nearly new car privately, and helps them with potentially costly adaptations for controls or wheelchair access.

The scheme's regular payments also take care of everyday running costs, from insurance, maintenance and repairs, to breakdown assistance – a huge reassurance when motoring costs are soaring.

What is more, Motability does not insist that the disabled person is the driver; the car is made available for that person's benefit, meaning that up to two other named drivers can be on the car's insurance cover instead of the disabled person.

Since launch in 1978, Motability has sourced more than three million cars, scooters and powered wheelchairs, allowing disabled people to shop, do voluntary work, visit friends, go to the doctor, play sport, give a family member a lift, or go on holiday – things the motoring majority takes for granted.

Some users have also taken up further education or pursued better jobs and careers, after liberation through new mobility.

The scheme was modified recently though, to speed procedures and prevent creeping

misuse. Key changes were:

- Streamlining the list of cars available
- Nominated drivers must live at or within five miles of the applicant's address, though special circumstances will be considered
- Drivers under 25 are restricted to cars with an insurance group of 16 or lower and with a power output of 115bhp or less
- Drivers under 21 are only permitted to drive Motability vehicles in cases where they live with the disabled customer.

\*For more about this liberating scheme for disabled people, see over.



**A WIDE CHOICE:** Motability car buyers can shop around as much as any able-bodied person, from looking at the practicality of a smart crossover like the FIAT 500X, to the practical comforts of the Renault five and seven-seat Scenic people carrier range



## MEET THE EXTENDED FAMILY

### FIAT 500L MPW

- 7 seats\*
- Auto Climate Control
- 632 litre boot\*

### FIAT 500L

- Available with:
- Cruise Control
  - 5" Touchscreen Radio
  - Cargo Magic Space

### FIAT 500L TREKKING

- Traction +
- City Brake Control
- Mud & Snow tyres

### THE FIAT 500L RANGE FROM NIL ADVANCE PAYMENT\*



For further information or for a complete list of Fiat cars offered on the Motability Scheme, please call Northgate Canterbury on 01227 828200.

500L

NORTHGATE CANTERBURY, 1 WESTMINSTER ROAD, CANTERBURY, KENT CT1 1YY.  
TEL: 01227 828200 WWW.NORTHGATE-GROUP.CO.UK

Fuel consumption figures for the Fiat 500L range in mpg (l/100km): Urban 30.4 (9.3) – 62.8 (4.5); Extra Urban 49.6 (5.7) – 78.5 (3.6); Combined 40.4 (7.0) – 72.4 (3.9). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 163 – 104 g/km. Fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> figures based on standard EU tests for comparative purposes and may not reflect real driving results. Vehicles shown are Fiat 500L Pop Star 1.3 MultiJet 85hp with NIL Advance Payment, plus Fiat 500L Trekking 1.4 with NIL Advance Payment and Fiat 500L MPW Lounge 1.3 MultiJet 85hp with Advance Payment of £695, both featured with optional Bicolour paint at additional cost. \*The Fiat 500L MPW boot space is based on 5 seat version with rear seats pulled forward. \*Based on 5+2 seat version. 5 standard seats and two extra seats for persons up to 1.65m. Advance Payments are correct at time of going to press and subject to orders being placed by 31st December 2015. Not available in conjunction with any other offer. Terms & Conditions apply. Offer may be varied and withdrawn at any time. Subject to stock availability.





# Top tips on making your Motability choice



## SMALL CARS

Tend to have the lowest advance payments, running costs and CO<sub>2</sub>. 2-3-door cars generally have wider doors with larger opening angles, which makes access easier, but closing the doors and fitting in narrow parking spaces may be harder. 4-5-door cars benefit from superior back seat access - useful if you often have more than one passenger.

## MEDIUM CARS

Often sold as hatchbacks and will have a slightly bigger boot than a small car, but the same doors arguments apply.

## FAMILY CARS

Family cars are large 4-door saloons or 5-door hatchbacks and are considerably larger than medium sized cars. Hatchbacks usually have the best boot capacity.

## CROSSOVERS

As the name implies, these versatile models merge



**SPACE OR STYLE:** if you need the room then few boast more space efficiency than the seven-seat FIAT 500L MPW, while the Renault Captur crossover offers style and a high driving position

several sectors: family hatchbacks and (see later) MPVs and SUVs.

## ESTATE CARS

Usually longer than a standard saloon or hatchback, with useful space for mobility aids in the boot, but this can add to the car's bulk so make sure you check it out with a test drive before committing.

## MULTI-PURPOSE VEHICLES (MPV)

Ranging from small to large, MPVs can seat up to

nine people. The seats are higher, with more headroom, legroom and width. Some have large sliding side doors, which obviously improve access for those with disabilities.

## 4X4 AND SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES (SUV)

The term '4x4' is usually used to describe vehicles designed for off-road use, which generally have higher ground clearance. Until recently, all 4x4s had 4-wheel drive, but many people now buy for the SUV styling and opt for a front-

wheel drive version to save fuel.

## WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES (WAVS)

WAVs are cars converted to carry passengers travelling in their wheelchair or those who wish to drive from a wheelchair. WAVs may be best if you have trouble getting in and out of the car from your wheelchair and would prefer to remain in it when travelling as a passenger. WAVs come in different sizes and have many standard features. The Motability website has a specific WAV Search.

## All-New Renault KADJAR

Start living

With touchscreen navigation

**5.9% APR** representative  
**From £269** per month | **£269** deposit

5-star Euro NCAP rating

The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the All-New Renault KADJAR Dynamique Nav TCe 130 are: urban 41.5 (6.8); extra-urban 57.7 (4.9); combined 50.4 (5.6). The official CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 126g/km. EU Directive and Regulation 692/2008 test environment figures. Fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> may vary according to driving styles, road conditions and other factors.

Finance provided by Renault Finance, PO Box 149, Watford WD17 1FJ. Subject to status. Indemnities may be required. UK resident (excludes Channel Islands). Over 18s. Terms and conditions apply. We may introduce you to other finance providers. Offer based on 6,000 miles per annum, excess mileage 8p per mile inc VAT. Offers cannot be used with other schemes or finance offers and are available on featured new vehicle when ordered by 31 December 2015 and registered by 31 March 2016. KADJAR shown has optional Flame Red Renault i.d. metallic paint, available at an additional £625.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE KADJAR Dynamique Nav TCe 130

48 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF	CUSTOMER DEPOSIT	CASH PRICE	DEALER DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT	FINANCE FACILITY FEE	OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT	OPTION TO PURCHASE FEE	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	DURATION	FIXED INTEREST RATE P.A.	5.9% APR REPRESENTATIVE
£269	£269	£19,695	£510	£18,916	£99	£9,085	£149	£23,024	48 months	5.46%	

**MOTORLINE MAIDSTONE**  
Bircholt Road, Parkwood  
Maidstone ME15 9XY  
Tel 0844 822 7112

**MOTORLINE CANTERBURY**  
Westminster Road  
Canterbury CT1 1YY  
Tel 0844 822 7100

**MOTORLINE ASHFORD**  
Hilton Road  
Ashford TN23 1EW  
Tel 0844 822 7094

[www.motorline.co.uk/renault](http://www.motorline.co.uk/renault)

**Book a test-drive**



Call  
**01895 83 33 33**  
for bookings  
and information

Holidays offered by  
**GN Holidays  
& Voyages**  
Higher Denham,  
Uxbridge UB9 5EL

ABTA NoY0291 • ATOL 9362  
info@gnvoyages.co.uk  
www.gnholidays.com  
www.gnvoyages.co.uk

Open 9am to 5.30pm weekdays  
9.30am to 12.30pm  
Saturdays  
Closed Bank Holiday weekends.



**3 OR 4 NIGHTS  
HALF BOARD  
FROM  
£119<sup>PP</sup>**

18 Jan 2016	4 nights	£149pp	Tour SV1-1
29 Jan 2016	3 nights	£119pp	Tour SV1-2
22 Feb 2016	4 nights	£149pp	Tour SV2-1
26 Feb 2016	3 nights	£119pp	Tour SV2-2
18 Mar 2016	3 nights	£119pp	Tour SV3-1
21 Mar 2016	4 nights	£149pp	Tour SV3-2

## Shoreview Hotel Eastbourne

Eastbourne's Shore View Hotel is right on the seafront with views of the resort's award-winning beach. The hotel is set within an elegant Victorian building which has been sympathetically refurbished to a high standard to provide stylish, comfortable accommodation. All bedrooms are en-suite and have a hairdryer, tea/coffee tray, flat-screen TV and wifi internet access.

**INCLUDED:** 3 or 4 nights sharing a twin/double en-suite room • Breakfasts and dinners

Departures  
January to March, 2016  
Quote: SV-KOS



**3 NIGHTS  
HALF BOARD  
PLUS  
£119<sup>PP</sup>**

**Entertainment  
£10pp deposit**

## Hotel Piccadilly Bournemouth

The Hotel Piccadilly has a proud reputation as one of the highest rated AA 3-Star hotels in Bournemouth. It is well located in the resort's East Cliff area, a short stroll from the beaches and gardens that separate the pedestrian shopping centre and designer boutiques, from the sea. All bedrooms are en-suite with TV and tea/coffee making facilities. There will be entertainment provided one night during your stay.

**INCLUDED:** 3 nights sharing a twin/double en-suite room • 3 breakfasts • 3 dinners • Entertainment 1 night

Fridays:  
19 February & 4 March, 2016  
Quote: BO2/3-KOS



**£1 Drinks • Entertainment  
Over 40s only • £10pp deposit**

**2 NIGHTS  
HALF BOARD  
PLUS  
£129<sup>PP</sup>**

## Worthing Winter Warmer Party Chatsworth Hotel 29 Jan & 5 Feb, 2016 • Quote: WG1/2-KOS

Join us in Worthing for a Winter Warmer Party and enjoy £1 drinks and live entertainment every night. The Chatsworth is one of the finest hotels on the south coast, just a stone's throw from the sea and a short stroll to the town centre. All bedrooms are en-suite and a lift services all floors.

**INCLUDED:** £1 drinks from 7pm to 10pm both evenings - pint of house beer or small glass of wine • 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts • Live nightly entertainment • 2 nights sharing an en-suite room with TV & free wifi



**Free drinks  
Entertainment  
Over 40s only  
£10pp deposit**

**Showaddywaddy**

**3 NIGHTS  
HALF BOARD  
PLUS  
£139<sup>PP</sup>**

## Mamma Mia & Super 70s Party Pontins Pakefield, Suffolk Coast 8 July, 2016 • Quote: SS7-KOS

Join us at Pontins Pakefield, on the Suffolk coast, for a Super Summer Party - for over 40s only - to make the most of our favourite season. We've lined up a brilliant entertainment showbill featuring 70s themed music and nostalgia, including a screening of Mamma Mia the movie, an Abba tribute band and a live performance by 70s rock-n-rollers Showaddywaddy. With non-stop entertainment from Friday evening to Sunday evening and free drinks every night, this is one party weekend you won't want to miss.

**INCLUDED:** 3 Free drinks per person every night - house beers & spirits, wine by the glass, pumped soft drinks & mixers • 3 breakfasts & 3 dinners • Full entertainment programme • 3 nights en-suite chalet - upgrade available

Private Events - You cannot book these self-drive breaks direct with the hotels/resorts



**JOBS UPDATED  
EVERY HOUR**



Look local with  
**jobs24.co.uk**

## EXPERIENCED UPHOLSTERER

Required to Start immediately at busy Manston based workshop. Wage negotiable depending upon experience.

**Contact: Email: victoria.gayle@btconnect.com or Telephone: 01843 863185**

**SET UP A JOB  
ALERT TODAY**

Look local with  
**jobs24.co.uk**

Thamesview  
SCHOOL  
with Business and Enterprise status  
Headteacher:  
Mr Harry Ingham MA

Thames Lane  
Gravesend  
Kent S11 2 ALF  
t: 01474 566 552  
f: 01474 537 405  
e: school@thamesview.kent.sch.uk  
www.thamesview.kent.sch.uk

## MATHS TUTORS

Required for January 2016 onwards  
Casual work paid at an hourly rate of £26.00  
(Based on Thamesview Qualified Teacher Scale M4)

We are looking to develop the support provided in school on a 1:1 and small group basis for lower ability students to raise attainment at Key Stage 3 and GCSE Maths. We want to create a team of maths tutors to come into school on a flexible basis as and when required (casual work paid hourly) to coach and provide intervention sessions for students requiring additional help to make the expected progress in this subject area. The role will also include liaising with the Director of Maths about the intervention requirements/suitability and providing evidence to track student progress

### Our ideal candidates will...

- hold QTS or have relevant teaching/tutoring experience
- relate well to students and be able to engage and build effective working relationships with them
- be enthusiastic and be able to demonstrate innovative and creative teaching practices and intervention strategies
- have high aspirations for all students
- have an understanding of the AQA Maths GCSE syllabus

The School is one of the best performing High Schools in Kent and received a very positive Ofsted Report recently and was rated 'good' in every category with some outstanding features. Thamesview is a new school build that benefits from innovative learning environments and state of the art ICT equipment.

We are committed to providing high quality learning experiences for our students and to supporting our staff through excellent CPD opportunities.

Further details and an application form can be obtained from our **HR Manager on 01474 566552 ext 1120** or email **k.mcgowan@thamesview.kent.sch.uk**

**Closing Date: 30th November 2015 at 9.00 am**  
**Interviews: w/c 7th December 2015**

CVs without an application form will not be accepted.

Appointment to this post is subject to a criminal background check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Thamesview School operates a no smoking policy.



Spencer Private Hospitals are two hospitals situated in East Kent. The larger of the two hospitals is a 22 bed independent hospital situated at the QEOM Hospital in Margate, whilst the second hospital is a 4 bed independent hospital based at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. Both hospitals have a reputation for providing excellent medical and surgical facilities supported by Specialist Consultants, Specialist Nurses and Physiotherapists. We have state of the art diagnostic equipment and exceptionally high standards of nursing care.

The continuing growth of our business has resulted in a vacancy for the following staff:

### Staff Nurse (Outpatients/Pre-Assessment) – Margate

Part time Hours: 22.5 per week Closing date: 11/12/2015

Salary: £25677.00 per annum pro rata

#### Qualifications and Experience

- Registered Nurse 1st level or Dual Trained Registered Nurse
- Evidence of continual professional development
- Experience in a surgical/medical environment with a knowledge and understanding of surgical/medical procedures

Interviews for this role will be held between 4 – 8 January 2016

To discuss this opportunity, or to arrange an informal visit, please contact:

Carolyn Flegg, Outpatients Manager on 07925 978812

For a job description and application form please visit

[www.spencerprivatehospitals.com/careers](http://www.spencerprivatehospitals.com/careers)

### Ward Clerk – Margate

Part time Hours: 20 hours per week (Saturday & Sunday plus one other shift)

Salary: £16,171.66 pro rata Closing date: 04/12/2015

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic and motivated Weekend Ward Clerk to join the team at Spencer Private Hospitals. The role itself will include every Saturday and Sunday as well as one five hour shift during the week.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual who is able to support the team to deliver a professional and responsive service to patients, visitors and professionals alike.

The successful candidate will be based on our friendly, caring and fast paced ward. As Weekend Ward Clerk you will need to have a flexible approach, outstanding communication and administration skills and be able to work well under pressure.

#### Qualifications and Experience

- Maths and English GCSE A – C Grade or equivalent
- 2 years working in an administrative environment
- Good working knowledge of Word/Excel/Outlook.
- Exceptional customer service skills.

To discuss this opportunity, or to arrange an informal visit, please contact:

Julie Pain, Administration Supervisor on 01843 234558

Previous applicants need not apply

**For a job description and application form please contact:**

Justine Whittle, HR Assistant

Telephone: 01304 222684 E-mail: [recruitment@spencerhospitals.com](mailto:recruitment@spencerhospitals.com)

Spencer Private Hospitals is an equal opportunity employer.  
These positions are subject to a Disclosure and Barring check.



## Interested in joining our dynamic and diverse workforce?

The National Crime Agency (NCA) is leading the UK's fight against serious and organised crime threats, such as human trafficking, child sexual exploitation, and cyber crime.

We are looking for experienced professionals to fulfil roles as:

- Professionalising Investigation Programme Level 2 (PIP2) qualified Investigators
- Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) trained Interviewers
- Analysts
- Intelligence Officers
- Covert Internet Investigators
- Digital Forensic Officers
- Cyber Crime Officers
- Project Managers
- Firearms Officers
- HOLMES Indexers
- Tier 3 Interviewers

### When and where?

Join us at one of our Recruitment Roadshows – no pre-registration required but please bring photographic ID – at any time between 12.00 – 19.30 hours at one of the following dates and locations:

- London - ETC Venues, One Drummond Gate, Victoria - 30th November & 1st December
- Warrington - The Lymm Hotel, Lymm - 3rd December
- Wakefield - Holiday Inn, Leeds-Wakefield - 7th December

You will have the opportunity to start the application process at the roadshow. Attendees may submit their CV and a covering letter directly to a member of the NCA Recruitment Team. Selected attendees will also be invited to participate in an informal speed interview with a senior officer.

For further information, including venues and entry requirements visit [www.ncacareers.com](http://www.ncacareers.com)

Find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/nca](http://www.facebook.com/nca)

Find us on Twitter [twitter.com/nca\\_uk](https://twitter.com/nca_uk)



Leading the UK's fight to cut serious and organised crime





# Public Sector

You can also find the latest jobs online: [www.jobs24.co.uk/kent](http://www.jobs24.co.uk/kent)

**KOSMEDIA**

Telephone: 01233 653465

Email: [appointments@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:appointments@kosmedia.co.uk)

Online: [www.jobs24.co.uk/kent](http://www.jobs24.co.uk/kent)

## LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

### HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116

#### STOPPING UP OF LAND AT 1 IMPERIAL DRIVE, GRAVESEND, DA12 4LL

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT The Kent County Council as Highway Authority for the County of Kent propose to make an application to the Magistrates' sitting at Medway Magistrates' Court on 6 January 2016 at 10:00 for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land at 1 Imperial Drive, Gravesend, DA12 4LL as Edged Red on the plan on deposit.

A copy of the draft order and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of The Kent County Council at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ.

Any person to whom this Notice has been given or who uses the highway specified or who would be aggrieved by the making of the Order may appear before the Magistrates' Court to raise an objection or make a representation on the application. Any person intending to appear before the Magistrates' Court at the hearing of the application is requested to inform David McKnight by post to Legal Services, The Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ or by email david.mcknight@kent.gov.uk before 27 December 2015 quoting reference number LS/21/109630/608.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact David McKnight using the contact details shown above.

ROGER WILKIN

ACTING DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS,  
TRANSPORTATION & WASTE  
Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund  
Ashford Highway Depot  
Henwood Industrial Estate  
Javelin Way  
Ashford  
Kent  
TN24 8AD

### Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Darren Donnelly T/A D&G Scaffolding of 3 Blann Close, Eltham, London SE95JJ is applying for a licence to use Marwood House, Stones Cross Road, Swanley, Kent BR8 8LT as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailers. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hill Crest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

### Public Notice Licensing Act 2003

I Philip Leader of 4 Northdown Parade, Cliftonville, Kent CT9 2NR has applied to Thanet District Council, P.O Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent for a Premises Licence under the above Act.

A copy of the application may be inspected during normal office hours at the Thanet District Council Offices address above.

The licensable activities will be Sale of Alcohol.

Any representations in respect of the application should be made in writing to the Licensing Department, Thanet District Council, P.O Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent before the 22/12/2015.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.

### LICENSING ACT 2003:

#### Application for Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that Studio Sorella Ltd has applied to Swale Borough Council for the GRANT of a Premises Licence to operate the following Regulated Activities: Films from 09:00 to 22:30hrs every day and the sale of alcohol (on and off the premises) from 09:00 to 22:00hrs every day. On New Year's Eve both Regulated Activities to continue from the end of permitted hours until the beginning of permitted hours on New Year's Day; all at the following premises: The Yard, 10 Jacob Yard, Preston Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8NY.

A register of licensing applications can be inspected The Licensing Department, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT. Any person wishing to submit representations to this application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 23/12/2015. Representations must relate to one or more of the four Licensing.

Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

### Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Ian D Fern trading as Ferns Surfacing Ltd of Tutsham Farm, West Farleigh, Kent ME15 0NE is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To keep an extra 0 goods vehicles and 2 trailers at the operating centre at Wrotham Quarry, Addington, West Malling, Kent ME19 5DL.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

## NEED A LOCAL ELECTRICIAN?



Whatever you are looking for  
[localsearch24.co.uk](http://localsearch24.co.uk) will help you find it

**local search24.co.uk**  
your trusted local directory

### Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

ACG Scaffolding Ltd of 7 Shirley Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 7JW is applying for a licence to use Marwood House, Stones Cross Road, Swanley, Kent BR8 8LT as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailers. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hill Crest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.



For more Job Opportunities  
visit us online at . . .

**jobs24.co.uk**  
IN-PAPER • ONLINE • ON MOBILE

## Find over...



...restaurants in  
London on [localsearch24.co.uk](http://localsearch24.co.uk).

**local search24.co.uk**  
your trusted local directory

Localsearch24 business database October 2014

[kent-life.co.uk](http://kent-life.co.uk) [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk)



# O'Shea hails Kent grassroots rugby

Coaching programme brought Quins boss to Sevenoaks...



**COACH:** Conor O'Shea (second right) was in the county after Mike Wooldridge (second left) was honoured for his service to the sport

## Rugby

By Tom Pyman

tom.pyman@archant.co.uk

HARLEQUINS' director of rugby Conor O'Shea has praised the success of the grassroots game in Kent.

The former Ireland international was in the county this week as part of the QBE Insurance My Coach programme, which rewards coaches who have inspired and supported success in players at both an amateur and professional level.

Mike Wooldridge, of Sevenoaks RFC, was one of just four rugby coaches from across the country to be honoured, and was rewarded with an exclusive coaching session with the Quins boss on Wednesday.

O'Shea told KoS: "I'm involved in

the professional side and sometimes you forget that this is what rugby is all about, and coming to a proper rugby club like this is a great honour.

"A lot of the talk of the World Cup and the legacy is about these new coaches at grassroots level who help the development of young players.

"This is the type of club that I was in and it gives you that memory of how hard it is to come through the system and get to the very top.

"This is where people fall in love with the sport, to have people like Mike who are willing to give so much time to the community is fantastic, and hopefully we never take that for granted."

Wooldridge has been involved with the club for 30 clubs, and has experienced success with its junior teams, from the U6s outfit all the way through to the hugely successful U17s side, who have won the Kent

Cup four years in a row.

He said: "This club means a huge amount to me and it's incredible to see these kids develop.

"It starts as great fun, friendly tag rugby but you see the boys become friends.

"We've had a lot of success but it's about community sport, it's about people from all sorts of backgrounds coming together, and it's very rewarding.

"It's a great honour to be recognised, it's great for the club and to have a rugby legend like Conor down here is tremendous."

Both coaches felt the recent World Cup was successful in raising the profile of the sport.

Wooldridge added: "The key thing is to get people back into rugby, and while I don't think it had the same impact as 2003, we had a lot of interest during the tournament."

## County cricket attendances continue to rocket

ATTENDANCE figures were up 74 per cent in Kent this summer, as county cricket recorded the biggest crowds since the England and Wales Cricket Board was established in 1997.

In fact, 2015 was something of a landmark year for the county as attendances rocketed across all three formats.

More than 10,000 spectators returned to the refurbished County Ground in Beckenham for six days of cricket in May and June, while the Australia tour match at The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence brought in 15,000 visitors over four days in late June.

Similarly, almost 10,000 were welcomed to The Nevill Ground, Tunbridge Wells in July for a record LV= County Championship win against Essex and a sell-out crowd



**KENT CEO:** Jamie Clifford

witnessed the NatWest T20 Blast match against Glamorgan, while

Kent Spitfires' attendances peaked at 35,000 when they crashed out against Lancashire.

There were also 14,000 present in August as the Kia Women's Ashes Test match took place.

Kent Cricket CEO Jamie Clifford said: "We're delighted to see the national appeal of county cricket growing. This is mirrored in Kent with our ticket sales and membership numbers also growing year-on-year.

"All three formats have a distinct audience and NatWest T20 Blast on Friday nights in particular has become a fixture and the attendances prove it.

"This year was particularly encouraging as we moved around three different venues in this competition, thank you to all our members."

## Dover snap up former Stones winger Pinnock

DOVER Athletic this week announced the signing of winger Mitchell Pinnock, who joins following his release from Maidstone United.

Pinnock, aged 20, began his career with League Two side Southend United, making two appearances for the Essex side.

Following his time at Roots Hall, the Gravesend-born player joined Bromley, and has had loan spells at Concord Rangers and Tonbridge Angels.

His time at Maidstone came to an end by mutual consent earlier this week. Academy graduates and twin brothers Jack and Alfie Paxman have also signed forms with the club.

Jack is a full-back, and has been named as Player's Player of the Year for Kent for two seasons in a row, while Alfie is a striker with a natural eye for goal, as demonstrated when he bagged an incredible five goals in the academy side's 11-1 victory over Margate on Wednesday night.



**BOSS:** Chris Kinnear

## Ebbsfleet midfielder loaned to Eastleigh

EBBSFLEET United midfielder Robbie Willmott has joined National League side Eastleigh on a temporary deal.

The 25-year-old, who has played 15 games for the Fleet this season, will stay at the Silverlake Stadium until January 2, after a proposed loan move last week to Crawley Town fell through at the last minute.

Boss Daryl McMahon said: "It says a lot for our squad that Robbie Willmott's gone up a league, and it would have been two if he'd gone to Crawley, but he's not been getting into our side lately. He's a fantastic, intelligent player but is still getting to grips a bit with dropping down to this level. So hopefully, this will kick-start him again and he'll be back in a month or so's time and we'll see a rejuvenated Robbie Willmott."

Craig Braham-Barrett is also heading out on loan in search of regular football, as he joins Whitehawk for an initial month.

The former Cheltenham full-back recently completed a couple of months at Woking.



**LOAN:** Robbie Willmott has joined Eastleigh on a temporary deal

## Charlton recall defender Lennon

DEFENDER Harry Lennon has been recalled from his loan spell at Gillingham by parent club Charlton Athletic.

The 20-year-old had initially joined on a one-month deal in early October and the deal was extended until December 12 a fortnight ago.

However the Addicks have decided to bring the centre half

back to the Valley following something of an injury crisis.

During his second spell at Priestfield, Lennon featured eight times, scoring twice.

As well as a previous stint at Gillingham, the defender also enjoyed a spell at Cambridge United in 2014, where he made two league appearances.

Keep up-to-date with all Kent's sports news via social media on:  
Twitter @KentSport Facebook [www.facebook.com/kentsport.3](http://www.facebook.com/kentsport.3)



**\*£2000  
MINIMUM  
PART EXCHANGE  
ALLOWANCE  
ON SELECTED MG NEW CARS**

**Pull it, push it,  
tow it,**



**Bring in your old car and we'll  
give you £2000 for it against  
selected quality new cars**

\*Minimum part-exchange allowance excludes the MG MG6 range. No minimum length of ownership required, MOT certificate not required. Proof of ownership is required.

**Barnes Auto Store**



Sutton Road, Parkwood, Maidstone  
Kent ME15 9YF  
Telephone: 01622 235 258  
**www.barnesautostore.co.uk**

**EASY TO FIND WITH  
SATELLITE NAVIGATION**

**JUST ENTER  
THE POSTCODE  
ME15 9YF**  
N 51 14 E 00 33



**THE SUBARU WRX STI ▼  
A HIGH PERFORMANCE  
LEGEND REBORN.**



**THE WRX STI ▲**

For fans of motorsport worldwide, it takes just three letters to spell thrilling performance: STI. The all-new WRX STI offers fresh styling, but the bonnet scoop and dramatic, downforce-generating rear spoiler leave no question about what it is, or what it's built for. Beneath the surface, it generates performance that is more focused and more invigorating than ever.

- Sports gauges with LCD display
- Active torque vectoring
- 300 PS
- Boost pressure meter
- Brembo brakes

**FROM  
£28,995<sup>OTR</sup>**

**For the WRX STI**

**CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE.**

**Maidstone Subaru**

Sutton Road, Parkwood, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 9FB

**Telephone: 01622 755 531**

**www.maidstone-subaru.co.uk**

FG Barnes Group trading as Maidstone Subaru is a credit broker and not a lender.

**3 YEAR  
WARRANTY\***



**SUBARU**  
*Confidence in Motion*

MPG figures are official EU test figures for comparative purposes and may not reflect real driving results. WRX STI 2.5i fuel consumption in mpg (l/100km): Urban from 20.2 (14.0). Extra Urban from 33.6 (8.4). Combined 27.2 (10.4). CO2 emissions from 242 (g/km).

\*WRX STI is covered by a 3 Year/60,000 mile (whichever is sooner). Manufacturer's Warranty (bumper to bumper, excluding clutch driven plate) and an Extended Warranty (applies to powertrain only) provided by the importer. OTR price includes VAT, delivery, number plates, 12 months road fund licence and first registration fee. Vehicle shown WRX STI 2.5i, manufacturer's OTR price £29,495.00 with optional special paint finish. Without special paint finish £28,995.00. OTR price correct at time of print.